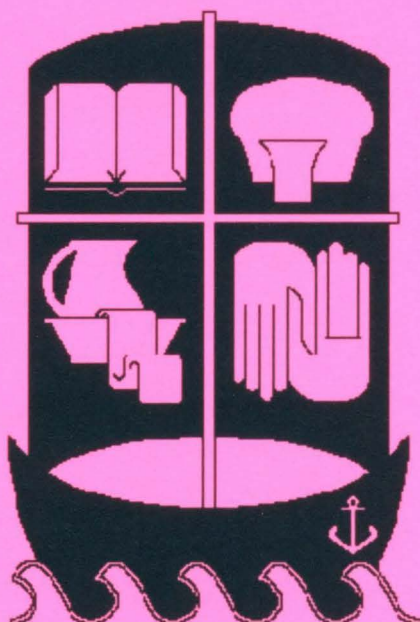


**MINUTES OF
FIFTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL MEETING OF
ILLINOIS STATE ASSOCIATION
OF FREE WILL BAPTIST**



2017

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**MINUTES OF THE 57TH ANNUAL MEETING
OF THE ILLINOIS STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST
MARCH 17 & 18, 2017**

The meeting began with the moderator leading in a time of prayer. This was followed by Bro. Mike Thomas leading the congregation in singing "He Keeps Me Singing" accompanied by Sis. Susan Burgess on the piano. Bro. Kent Dunford welcomed the 57th meeting of the association to Benton 1st Free Will Baptist Church. He gave instructions about where the restrooms were, where the refreshments would be found and also, information about the banquet the church would host that evening. This was followed by the clerk called the meeting into order. The moderator appointed the following to the Business Committee: John Hollis, Larry Clyatt and Kenneth Hendley. The standing delegates were recognized and the clerk called attention to the statistical report of the member districts and a motion was sustained to accept the reports and seat the delegates. There was one church delegate from the Benton 1st, Linda Zimmerman.

REPORT NO. 1---2016 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	3	5		2		18
Bi-Vocational P	2	6	3		1	2		14
# of Baptisms	16	5	32	23	1	6		83
Members ++	17	15	38	15	2	16		103
Members Lost	15	11	10	6	4	0		46
Tot. Members	721	1,080	901	314	44	77		3137
Total Income	\$746,101	\$862,997	\$870,462	\$455,515	\$38,117	\$219,815		3,193,007
Church/Budget	4	5	2	5	0	2		18
# /Parsonage	2	4	2	1	0	2		11
Value- Property	\$4,233,000	\$8,700,500	\$6,780,000	4,075,000	\$250,000	\$210,000		24,248,500
# Ordained	12	14	11	6	4	7		54
# Licensed	0	0	2	1	0	0		3
# Deacons	19	34	23	8	0	1		85
Christian School	0	0	0	1	0	0		1
Bible Institute	0	0	0	1	0	0		1
Sunday School	388	437	170	12	25	56		1088

DELEGATES

EAST CENTRAL	REND LAKE	SOUTH CENTRAL	NORTHERN	FOX RIVER	METRO EAST	QUAD CITIES
Suzanne Lewis	Jane Harmon	David Meacham			Tony Grantham	
Kathy Hayes	Anne Sink	Jim Thompson			Dan Smith	
Paula Hayes	Brenda Fowler	Jennifer Meacham			Janice Futrell	
Marie Rutger	Ross Bunton	Jerry Legendre				
		Margaret Legendre				
		Gail Spencer				
		Mildred McClerren				
CHURCH DELEGATE- BENTON 1 ST Darline Zimmerman						

DECEASED					
EAST CENTRAL			SOUTH CENTRAL		
Doris Bozarth-Blue Point			Jim Christie-Harmony		
Robert Smith-Blue Point			Ruth Aldridge-Harmony		
Erma Plummer-Crossroads			Cline Roberts-Harmony-Deacon		
Clyde "Dean" Fulk-Decatur			Jewell Hoffard-Harmony		
Lois Spaw-Decatur			Lille Roberts-Johnston City		
Charlotte Pearl Myers-Decatur			Iris Sanders-Johnston City		
Aileen Waggoner-Mt. Vernon			Tim McDonald-Johnston City		
Bea Drennen- Mt. Vernon					
Reva Petty-Mt. Vernon			NORTHERN ILLINOIS		
Berthul "Bert" Hiltibidal-Pleasant View			No Deaths to Report		
Williaim Burnside-Pleasant View					
METRO EAST			FOX RIVER		
Glen Gray	Doug Hilmer		Thelma Hammons-Living Hope		
Jean Maynard	Bob Leckrone				
Dale King	Louis Barker				
Mary McCan	Ruth Ellis				
Lori Vink	Louis Pilcher				
			REND LAKE		
			Nancy Modlin-Bakerville		
			Ruth Birkhimer-Bakerville		
			Marietta Williams-Bear Point		
			Vernon Endersbe-Bear Point		
			Jim Cox-Bear Point		
			Katy Lewis-Hazel Dell		
			Norma Jones-Ina		
			Charles Hancock-Ina		
			Patricia Krehbiel-Ina		
			Edward Stevens-Ina		
			Curtis W. Fowler-New Hope		
			Huck Lea-New Hope		
			Betty Dixon-Rescue		
			Jacque Gilbert-Waltonville		
			Ron Fairchild-Waltonville		
			Keith Beckham-Waltonville		
			Pat Panzier-Waltonville		

REPORT NO. 2

2016 GENERAL FUND REPORT

2/1/16 Through 1/31/2017

Beginning Balance				\$ 24, 797.36	
Inflows					
IL. State Association of FWB:					
17% of Together Way	17,889.79				
Annual Dues	6,970.00				
Interest Income	5.77				
Refund (Brotherhood Mutual)	2,005.00				
Refunds	150.00				
TOTAL IL. STATE ASSOCIATION FWB				27,020.56	
TOTAL INFLOWS				27,020.56	
OUT FLOWS					
Executive Board Meeting Expense	2,253.25				
National Expense for Delegates	600.00				
Annual Dues	5,250.00				
Flowers	105.00				
Honorariums	1,915.00				
Insurance	16,831.00				
Leadership Conference	1,437.04				
Legal Fees	13.00				
U. S. Post Office	47.00				
Printing	443.24				
Transfer to Camp Hope	1,000.00				
Transfer to Jamie Lee	1,000.00				
Transfer to Tyler Penn	1,000.00				
State Meeting Expense	900.00				
TOTAL OUT FLOWS	32,794.53				
Ending Balance				\$ 19,023.39	(2)

2016 PROMOTIONAL FUND REPORT

Beginning Balance		\$2,618.70
INCOME		
Income	<u>14,681.48</u>	
TOTAL INCOME	14,681.48	
EXPENSES		
Hotel at National	824.95	
Misc.	33.00	
U.S. Post Office	1,432.24	
Printing	2,630.00	
Promotional Secretary	<u>10,000.00</u>	
TOTAL EXPENSES	14,920.00	
Ending Balance		\$ 2,380.00
FWB FOUNDATION		\$42,639.69
Interest	<u>1,186.22</u>	
FWB FOUNDATION		\$43,825.91

2017 BUDGET

GENERAL FUND

RECEIPTS:

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

TOTAL RECEIPTS \$24,460.00

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 \$ 24,460.00

PROMOTIONAL FUND

RECEIPTS:

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

TOTAL RECEIPTS \$16,200.00

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>

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED, TIM HAYES, STATE TREASURER

DESIGNATED GIVING IN STATE 2016

2/1/16 Through 1/31/17

PAYEE	CAMP BOARD	CAMP HOPE BLDG	DISASTER RESPONSE	IGO	ILL FWB Jamie Lee	PROM. FUND	TO-WAY PLAN	TOTALS
Alexander	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	675.00	675.00
Arnold View	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,293.00	0.00	11,657.34	12,950.34
Bakerville	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00
Bear Point	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,994.12	967.90	120.00	9,047.61	14,129.63
Bear PT WAC	0.00	0.00	0.00	340.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	340.00
Benton 1 st	0.00	0.00	0.00	750.00	1,181.50	0.00	5,542.70	7,474.20
Bethel	616.00	0.00	0.00	204.00	350.00	0.00	3,600.00	4,770.00
Blue Point	600.00	2,505.00	600.00	630.00	5,897.00	1,200.00	3,600.00	15,032.00
Calvary	50.00	0.00	300.00	3,926.47	550.00	0.00	3,022.08	7,848.55
Crossroads	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Decatur	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	8,409.44	8,409.44
Discovery	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00
Disc Family C	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	682.00	0.00	0.00	682.00
East Central	0.00	0.00	300.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	300.00
Harmony W F	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	120.00	1,200.00	1,320.00
Hazel Dell	250.00	0.00	0.00	113.38	0.00	120.00	3,000.00	3,483.38
Ina	535.00	5,841.00	0.00	0.00	1,200.00	120.00	25,007.00	32,703.00
Individuals	0.00	0.00	650.00	0.00	22,002.00	0.00	0.00	22,652.00
Johnston C.	0.00	0.00	0.00	601.90	0.00	0.00	2,371.43	2,973.33
Loyal Wkrs	0.00	0.00	0.00	970.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	970.00
Metro East	0.00	0.00	0.00	250.00	250.00	0.00	0.00	500.00
Mt. Vernon	450.00	0.00	0.00	4,584.00	310.00	0.00	10,749.00	16,093.00
NewHope	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,897.00	4,897.00
Northwest	0.00	0.00	200.00	200.00	1,283.00	0.00	2,000.00	3,683.00
Oak Grove	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	250.00	0.00	881.59	1,131.59
Oak Valley	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,800.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,800.00
Okla. State	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,200.00	0.00	0.00	5,200.00
Pittsburg	0.00	0.00	0.00	43,249.00	0.00	0.00	2,004.00	45,253.00
Pleasant V.	650.00	0.00	211.83	0.00	0.00	300.00	0.00	1,161.83
Pleas. V WAC	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00
Rend Lake D	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	150.00	0.00	0.00	150.00
Rescue	1,200.00	125.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	6,089.50	7,414.50
Rescue WAC	0.00	315.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	315.00
Solid Rock	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	225.00	0.00	0.00	225.00
South Cent.	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	0.00	0.00	200.00
Unity	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	792.00	792.00
Victory	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,200.00	945.00	0.00	1,200.00	3,345.00
TOTALS	4,351.00	8,786.00	2,261.83	65,912.87	43,136.40	1,980.00	105,745.69	232,173.79

GIVING TO NATIONAL MINISTRIES 2016

2/1/16 Through 1/31/17

Payee	Home Missions	International Missions	National	TOTAL
Arnold View	0.00	7,368.00	987.00	8,355.00
Bakerville	0.00	3,488.00	872.00	4,360.00
Bear Point	590.00	2,115.00	2,607.50	5,312.50
Benton First	0.00	0.00	420.42	420.42
Bethel	240.00	4,315.38	300.00	4,855.38
Blue Point	12,050.50	17,369.50	6,011.37	35,431.37
Calvary	1,300.00	7,106.55	3,478.20	11,884.75
Crossroads	444.00	2,595.00	263.00	3,302.00
Discovery	0.00	100.00	0.00	100.00
Discovery Family Church	0.00	600.00	0.00	600.00
East Central District	0.00	1,200.00	0.00	1,200.00
Harmony West Frankfort	0.00	0.00	1,200.00	1,200.00
Hazel Dell	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Ina	240.00	17,837.00	8,501.00	26,578.00
Johnston City	0.00	9,596.19	0.00	9,596.19
Metro East District	0.00	250.00	0.00	250.00
Mt. Vernon	0.00	310.00	0.00	310.00
Northwest	0.00	2,565.00	100.00	2,665.00
Oak Grove	0.00	250.00	0.00	250.00
Oak Valley	0.00	400.00	0.00	400.00
Pleasant View	1,270.00	6,980.00	650.60	8,900.60
Rescue	0.00	1,200.00	0.00	1,200.00
Unity	0.00	0.00	820.00	820.00
Victory FWB	110.00	110.00	0.00	220.00
TOTAL	16,244.50	85,755.62	26,211.09	128,211.21

Motion sustained to receive the report of the State Treasurer and adopt the recommended 2017 budgets for the General Fund and Promotional Fund.

REPORT NO. 3

REPORT OF THE PROMOTIONAL SECRETARY

The group of churches that make up the Illinois State Association of Free Will Baptist have learned that the Bible is correct when it says we must be “laborers together” in order to accomplish the Lord’s work. We can do more together than we can individually and that promotes the necessity of being a part of a world-wide denomination. Being unified in mission and purpose helps us to fulfill the Great Commission A couple of years ago I stated in my report that “I want to commend the men and women who serve on our state boards. It is wonderful to see how they work together to help the churches. These dedicated people spend many hours and drive many miles to take care of the business of this association. The board members who oversee all our boards (Camp Hope, Christian Education, Master’s Men, Disaster Response Unit, Women Active for Christ, Illinois Missions and Church Training Service) plus the officers, the Executive Board and the various committees need a round of applause. They work hard all year so that this association functions properly.”

During this conference we will hear reports from all these boards and committees. They will have reports about some exciting things they have done this past year and will present plans for next year plus recommendations on how to accomplish the goals they present to this body.

We are facing challenges as never before, but we are being offered opportunities of ministry to meet the challenges. We are witnessing political chaos and upheaval in our nation that equals the social and civil problems that go back to the days of the Civil War. We need to work together in order to maintain our mission of being a Christian influence in a post-modern society.

God still has a work for us to do! I am still impressed with how God uses people to reach a lost world. It was a group of Free Will Baptists who loved and nurtured me as a new convert. I am forever indebted to those people who took time to pray with me, took time to teach the Word of God to me and encouraged me for many years. I want to thank the association for allowing me to continue to serve in this office. It is a privilege to serve here in Illinois as well as serving as your representative on the General Board and the National Executive Board.

Communication has changed completely in the past few years. With the advent of e-mail, smart phones, texts, tweets and Face Book most people get the news as quickly as it happens. There are some who still want to receive a hard copy of our Illinois Newsletter, so about 650 copies are put in the mail each month.

The USPS sorting centers return several copies of the Newsletter each month, charge a fee of 57 cents each and mark them as "Undeliverable as Addressed", so I remove that name from our mailing list. I realize that this is sometimes just a mailing sorting error, so if you do not receive your Newsletter, please contact me and I will place your name back on the mailing list. We have an E-Newsletter that is sent by e-mail in a PDF format plus it is also on the Illinois State FWB Website (<http://www.ilfwb.org/news>). I want to thank Mr. Ross Bunton for developing and maintaining our website.

In closing, let me remind you that we have some churches and pastors in transition at this time. The district reports and the Illinois Board of Missions will bring us up to date on the latest happenings in our state.

God bless you as we work together for His glory,

Respectfully submitted,

David Shores

Motion sustained to accept the report of the Promotional Secretary.

REPORT NO. 4

EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORT FOR 2016-2017

The Executive Board met March 19, 2016 following the State meeting and organized with Bro. Curtis Smith, chairman and Bro. Larry Cook, recording secretary. The time and place for the next meeting was set for May 12th, 2016 at the 1st FWB Church in Mt. Vernon. The boards were organized as follows:

Church Training Board

Tom Lewis	2017
Josh Colson	2018
Allen Bigley, Treas.	2019
Kelly Douglas, Chr.	2020
Kathy Hayes	2021

Christian Education Board

Jason Jean	2017
David Mishler, Chr.	2018
Ivan Ryan, Treas.	2019
Keith Fletcher	2020
Ross Bunton, Sec.	2021

Board of Missions

David Potete, Sec	2017
Jon Cannon, Treas.	2018
Phillip Kennedy	2019
Bryan Gibson	2020
Ernie Lewis, Chr.	2021

Camp Board

Bryant Harris, Chr.	2017
Tim Pierce	2018
Brad Ryan	2019
Brandon Dwyer	2020
Corey Penn, Sec.	2021

Master=s Men Board

Shawn Mygatt, Treas.	2017
Mike Thomas, Chr.	2018
Brian Lindsey, Sec.	2019
Nathan Beaty	2020
Marty Leffler	2021

Moderator	Curtis Smith	<u>Executive Board Representatives</u>
Asst. Moderator	Tyler Penn	East Central- John Hollis
Clerk	Larry Cook	Rend Lake- Tom Harmon
Asst. Clerk	Jason Janus	South Central- Loren Taylor
Treasurer	Tim Hayes	Quad Cities-
Promotional Sec.	David Shores	Fox River-
National General Board	David Shores	Metro-East- Paul Boyer
Northern Il.-		

MAY 12, 2016

EXECUTIVE BOARD MINUTES

MT. VERNON 1ST

The meeting was called to order by the clerk and the roll was taken with the following answering present: Curtis Smith, Tyler Penn, Larry Cook, Jason Janus, Tim Hayes, David Shores, Ernie Lewis, Mike Thomas, Bryant Harris, David Mishler, Kelly Douglas, Loren Taylor, Tom Harmon, John Hollis and Paul Boyer. Bro. Jamie Lee was also present. The minutes of the Organizational Meeting were approved and Bro. Curtis Smith brought the devotion from Number 13 Are We following God? He also asked the questions: Are we doing things God's way? And are we the leader God wants us to be? He then closed in prayer.

REPORTS:

Motion was sustained to the report of the Promotional Secretary. And the report of the State Treasurer was approved.

BOARD REPORTS:

Master's Men: a motion was sustained to approve the report. And Bro. Tim gave a report concerning DRU and some guidelines for churches and pastors to consider when dealing with a disaster.

Camp Board: Motion sustained to approve the report with the following amendment: Bro. Ernie was to give a report on his finding concerning the erection of a shooting range and the liability concerns.

Moderator declared a recess and Bro. Tyler Penn asked the blessing on the meal.

Following the recess the moderator recognized Bro. Jamie Lee to share a report concerning the progress on moving toward building a new work in Champaign.

Mission Board: Motion sustained to accept the report.

Christian Education Board: A motion was sustained to accept the report. A motion was then sustained to take a 10 minute recess to allow the Program committee to meet to discuss the inclusion of Bro. Eddie Moody as one of the speakers at the state meeting in 2017 as he will be holding the Christian Education Board seminar on Thursday evening.

CTS Board: Motion was sustained to accept the report.

New Business:

The following dates were set for the remainder of the Executive Board meetings:

August 18, 2016 at Mt. Vernon, November 4 at Camp Hope with an all boards meeting, February 9, 2017 at Mt. Vernon and the Auditing Committee will met at Camp Hope on February 4, 2017. Motion was sustained to set these as dates for the upcoming meetings.

Motion sustained to give \$1000 to the accounts of Tyler Penn and Jamie Lee from the General Fund.

Motion was sustained to give \$1000 from the General Fund to the Camp Improvement Fund.

Motion was then sustained to direct the clerk to make the necessary changes to the Constitution and By-Laws and have them reprinted. The changes were to add the actual Scriptures instead of just the reference.

Program Committee Report: The committee recommended that Bro. Eddie Moody speak at the Friday morning and Friday evening service and Bro. Steve Cantrell speak on Saturday morning. Motion was sustained to receive this report.

Motion was sustained to adjourn and Bro. David Shores closed in prayer.

AUGUST 18, 2016 EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING 1ST FWB CHURCH, MT. VERNON

A motion was sustained to approve the minutes of the May 12, 2016 meeting and then Bro. Tom Harmon brought the devotion from Gal. 6:9 with the thought that as we grow older and look around us to see what God is doing in the next generation don't grow weary but keep on doing good. He closed in prayer.

Reports:

A motion was sustained to receive the report of the Promotional Secretary as information.

And then a motion was sustained to adopt the State Treasurer's report.

The moderator then declared a recess and we enjoyed some delicious BBQ provided by Bro. Mike Thomas.

Board Reports:

The reports of the Christian Education, CTS, State Missions, Master's Men and Camp Board were given and motions were sustained to receive each report. Following the report of the State Missions' Board a time of prayer was given for the work that is happening among our missionaries. Bro. Ernie Lewis led in this prayer.

Leadership Conference in Nashville, December 5-7 was discussed and a motion was sustained to send the following to this meeting: Curtis Smith, Tyler Penn, Larry Cook and Tim Hayes. Two rooms were to be obtained at the Airport Marriott.

The meeting in November will be held at Camp Hope and will be an all boards meeting and the boards were to bring the following food items for this meeting:

Christian Education Board- A side dish

Camp Board- Desserts

Master's Men- Meat

Missions Board- A side dish

CTS Board- drinks

The meeting will begin at 6 PM.

A motion was sustained to adjourn.

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

NOVEMBER 4, 2016

CAMP HOPE

The meeting was called to order and the roll call taken with the following present: Curtis Smith, Tyler Penn, Larry Cook, Tim Hayes, David Shores, Ernie Lewis, Mike Thomas, Bryant Harris, David Mishler, Kelly Douglas, Loren Taylor, Tom Harmon. And since this was an all boards meeting the following board members were present: Jason Jean, Nathan Beatty, Keith Fletcher, Tim Pierce, Allen Bigley, Shawn Mygatt, Brad Ryan, Ross Bunton and Brian Gibson.

The minutes of the August 18, 2016 were approved and a devotion was shared from Ezekiel 22:23 looking at the condition of Israel and the need for each of us to pray for our own nation. We were then led in prayer.

Reports:

A motion was sustained to receive the report of the Promotional Secretary's report and a motion was sustained to receive the report of the State Treasurer.

The moderator declared a break and the great meal was enjoyed by all.

Board Reports:

The reports of the Christian Education Board, the CTS Board, State Mission's Board, Master's Men Board and Camp Board were given and motions were sustained to receive each report. Two things were brought to our attention: The RHMA conference in Morton will be April 24-26, 2017 and that the Christian Education Board will pay the registration fee to this conference. Also it was reported that the State CTS competition will be held at Ina and the dates are April 28-29, 2017.

New Business:

A motion was sustained that the state would give Bro. Moody \$500 plus half of his expenses and \$200 to Bro. Cantrell.

A motion was sustained to keep the 2017 Together Way Allocations the same as the 2016 allocations.

2017 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%

A motion was sustained to adjourn and Bro. Kelly Douglas closed in prayer.

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING FEBRUARY 9, 2017 1ST FWB CHURCH, MT. VERNON

The meeting was called to order and the roll call taken with the following present: Curtis Smith, Larry Cook, Tim Hayes, David Shores, Ernie Lewis, Mike Thomas, Bryant Harris, Keith Fletcher, Kelly Douglas, Josh Colson, and Tom Harmon. A motion was sustained to seat Josh Colson as proxy for Loren Taylor.

The minutes of the November 4, 2016 were approved and a devotion was shared from from Romans 12:1-2 & 910 by the moderator Bro. Curtis Smith. He spoke concerning the decline of concern among Free Will Baptist churches for the holiness of God. We were then led in prayer.

Reports:

Promotional Secretary present his yearly report and a motion was sustained to receive the report. The State Treasurer then presented the report for 2016 and a motion was sustained to receive the report and recommend to the State Association the adoption of the proposed budget for 2017.

Board Reports:

The Christian Education Board presented their report and a motion was sustained to receive the report and recommend to the State Association the adoption of the proposed budget for 2017.

The moderator declared a break , Bro. John Hollis ask the blessing on the meal and the meal was enjoyed by all. Thanks to Bro. Mike Thomas for providing the great BBQ.

Board Reports:

The State Mission's Board gave their report and a motion was sustained to receive the report and recommend to the State Association the proposed budget for 2017.

The Master's Men and DRU reports were then given with Bro. Tim Hayes sharing about the DRU's trip to Mississippi and helping with the clean-up after the recent tornado. A motion was then sustained to receive the report and recommend to the State Association the proposed budget for 2017.

The Camp Board presented their report and a motion was sustained to receive the report and recommend to the State Association the proposed budget for 2017.

The CTS Board presented their report and their excitement about the upcoming state competition at Ina in April. A motion was then sustained to receive the report and recommend to the State Association the proposed budget for 2017.

New Business:

A rough draft of the State meeting program was presented as information.

A motion was made and second that the names of Ernie Lewis and Brian Gibson be placed on the Franklin Templeton Investment Account and the American Funds as the authorized signers for the Illinois State Association of Free Will Baptist BD of Missions. The motion was sustained.

A discussion concerning an Associational Missionary and a Church Revitalization Committee was discussion

The report of the Auditing Committee was presented and a motion was sustained to receive the report.

Motion was sustained to allow the clerk and the Promotional Secretary to seek out other sources for printing the state publication and other state business.

A motion was sustained to adjourn and Bro. Ernie Lewis closed in prayer.

Motion was sustained to receive the report of the Executive Board.

REPORT NO. 5
THE TOGETHER WAY ALLOCATIONS FOR 2017

2017 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%

Motion was sustained to adopt the Together Way allocations for 2017.

REPORT NO. 6
PARTIAL REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Board Members

CTS	Tom Lewis	(2022) Tom Lewis
Christian Ed	Jason Jean	(2022) Jason Jean
Board of Missions	David Potete	(2022) David Potete
Camp Board	Bryant Harris	(2022) Bryant Harris
Illinois Masters Men	Shawn Mygatt	(2022) Shawn Mygatt

Motion was sustained to receive the Partial Report of the Nominating Committee and place the names in nomination as each board report is given.

REPORT NO. 7
Illinois Master's Men/DRU
Annual Report
2016

Board members met at the 2016 State Meeting at Salem, Illinois to select officers for the coming year. Bro. Marty Leffler agreed to serve another 5 year term on the board.

The 3rd Annual Youth Fishing Tournament was held May 14, 2016. Nine teams met at Camp Hope, then traveled to a nearby farm pond where the event was held. It was a cold day, but that didn't seem to bother any of the participants. Samuel and Benjamin Harris were declared the winners with over 6 lbs. of fish being caught. Trevor Beatty had the biggest fish at 2 lbs. 2.5 oz. A wiener roast sponsored by Master's Men was held back at Camp Hope afterwards with most gathered around the fire to keep warm. Thanks to the Camp Board for providing scholarships to Camp Hope for the 1st place winning team. This event seems to be picking up interest so a 4th Tournament will be scheduled in 2017.

The 23rd Annual Men's Retreat was held September 15, 16, & 17, 2016 with Chad Kivette from 180 Church in Clarksville, Tennessee as the guest speaker. Bro. Chad also brought several men from his church with him. What a great time! Bro. Chad challenged us to get involved with our own churches with evangelism. Several men have stepped up to provide special music each service. Participation and excitement just seems to grow with each service.

This was the second year a Friday night Communion Service was held. Bro. Larry Clyatt, pastor at Hazel Dell Church, along with deacons present conducted the service. Approximately 60 men took part.

The pie auction was held after the Communion Service and \$400.00 was raised with the proceeds going to Camp Hope for the girl's bathroom project.

Shooting and Archery Events are still popular.

Trap shoot winners 1st - Ted Heater & 2nd – Dennis Gifford

and Kurt Hicks won the "Vest of Shame" award

Archery 3D Shoot winners – 1st Shawn Mygatt & 2nd - Lee Penn

Roger McGrew and Dennis Gifford won at Horseshoes.

September 14,15 and 16, 2017 has been set for the 24th Annual Retreat. A guest speaker has yet to be determined. Updates will be posted on the website and in the newsletter as they become available. Mark your calendars and make plans now to attend this event. Thanks for all your prayers and support this past year!

Submitted by: Mike Thomas-Chairman, Shawn Mygatt- Treasurer, Brian Lindsey-Secretary , Nathan Beatty, and Marty Leffler

**Illinois Masters Men
2016 Annual Treasurer's Report
January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016**

Balance forward from December 31, 2015 1827.99

Income

ISA of FWB 2161.41

Il Regional Retreat 2284.00

Total Income 4445.41

Expenses

Mane Designs 45.00

Nathan Beaty 225.29

Retreat Expenses 3179.16

Total Expenses 3449.45

Balance C.F. to January 1, 2017 2823.95

**Illinois Masters Men
Disaster Response Unit
2016 Annual Treasurer's Report
January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016**

Balance forward from December 31, 2015 10930.75

Income

Gifts 2546.83

Total Income 2546.83

Expenses

Fuel 134.57

Motel 93.58

Food 29.32

License/inspection 89.00

Postage 3.34

Calavary FWB church 449.23

Repairs/Maintenance 419.91

Total Expenses 1218.95

Balance C.F. to January 1, 2017 12258.63

**Illinois Masters Men
Proposed Budget for 2017**

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	300.00
Miscellaneous	<u>100.00</u>
Anticipated Expenses Total:	4000.00

**Illinois Masters Men
Disaster Response Unit
Proposed budget for 2017**

Anticipated Income:

Donations	<u>2100.00</u>
Anticipated Income Total:	2100.00

Anticipated Expenses:

Repairs/maintenance	400.00
Fuel	850.00
License/Inspection	100.00
Calling Post	40.00
Postage	10.00
Travel Expenses	400.00
Miscellaneous	<u>300.00</u>
Anticipated Expenses Total:	2100.00

Motion was sustained to receive the report and adopt the 2017 budgets for Master's Men and Disaster Relief Unit. The moderator opened the floor to receive nominations and a motion was sustained to cease nominations. Motion was sustained to elect Bro. Shawn Mygatt to the 2022 position.

**REPORT NO. 8
REPORT OF THE AUDITING COMMITTEE**

February 3, 2017

The Auditing committee has audited the financial records of all the boards of the Illinois State Association for the year ending December 31, 2016 (State Treasurer January 31, 2017) . The Committee finds the records in order for the following boards: State General Fund , Promotional Fund, State Missions Board, Camp Hope Board , CTS Board , Master's Men Board (including the Disaster response fund) and Christian Education Board.

Auditors: Frances Scott, Josh Colson and Kelly Douglas

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



Illinois Free Will Baptist Board of Missions

2016 Annual Report



The **Illinois Board of Missions** has encouraged and supported mission efforts this year in three mission works in the United States and six 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:

Hired Jamie & Heather Lee to plant a church in Champaign, IL and sent them to raise support.

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

Assisted Esther Smith on a Short-Term mission trip to Brazil with Welch College.

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

Rented the Joliet Property and maintained the property while paying the utilities.

Sent \$3,000 to the Dennis Teague account with I.M. to help him recover from a deficit.

Assisted Shane & Joy Davison with expenses traveling to his mother's funeral in AR.

Assisted Tyler Penn's family with expenses to attend the National Association.

Gave a \$200 donation to summer intern Daniel Reeves while working in Champaign.

Sent flowers to the Tommy Bennett funeral for Josh & Ashley Bennett of Marana, AZ.

Donated a computer to the Living Hope Church in Skokie for their services.

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

Assisted Joel Teague and Mark King with travel expenses while in the U.S..

Funded a Pastor's Breakfast and a Vision Trip to Champaign to share the Lee's vision.

Met with Hispanic workers to plant a Spanish-speaking congregation in the Joliet Church.

Welcomed Brian Gibson from the Hazel Dell FWB Church to the Board of Missions.

The following reports are updates on the missionaries supported by **Illinois Global Outreach**:

Josh and Ashley Bennett continued to grow The Springs Church in Marana, Arizona. They have gone to three services each Sunday to accommodate the growth of their congregation.

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 are in the U.S. until August to raise more support for their ministry and account.

Jeff and Heather Goodman are searching for property to build a new building of their own. They continue to grow The Springs FWB Church in Arizona and disciple new converts.

Mark King is teaching in a community learning center in Tibet with ELIC. He has been diagnosed with prostate cancer and seeking treatment in HongKong.

Jamie and Heather Lee have traveled extensively to raise support for their missionary account and "The Bridge FWB Church" which they will launch in Champaign, Illinois.

Sarah Malone continues in an administrative role with ELIC for Asia. She spent some time in the U.S. in January and had surgery, but now has recovered and returned to Beijing.

Craig and Sarah Portell were in the U.S. in January and visited her family in Canada also. They continue to teach English in their Nova Lingua School in Olgii, Mongolia.

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 spent the past year in the U.S. raising support as career missionaries. They returned to France in January to continue their outreach 'discussions' with many atheists who are seeking answers.

**Illinois Board of Missions
Budget for 2017**

INCOME

I-GO Plan	\$ 68,000.00
Together Way Gifts	30,000.00
"The Bridge" Fund Gifts	40,000.00
Church Plant Fund	<u>2,000.00</u>
Total Income	\$ 140,000.00

EXPENSES

Missionary Accounts	\$ 97,000.00
Missions Projects	25,000.00
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	\$ 140,000.00

Illinois Board of Missions – Ernie Lewis, Brian Gibson, David Potete, Jon Cannon, Phillip Kennedy

Annual Report

**Illinois Board of Missions
January-December 2016**

General Fund Balance	1/1/16	\$ <u>96,701.59</u>
<u>Income</u>		\$ <u>141,944.23</u>

State Receipts

Together Way	\$ 30,659.49
I.G.O. Gifts	68,533.23
Church Plant Fund Receipts	2,135.00
"The Bridge" Fund Gifts	39,353.87
General Fund Gifts	262.64
Joliet Rent (<i>2nd Chance Church</i>)	<u>1,000.00</u>

Balance **\$ 238,645.82**

IGO **\$ 68,533.23**

Church Plant Fund 28%	\$ 19,189.31	Sarah Malone	\$ 6,168.00
Josh Bennett 9%	\$ 6,168.00	Tyler Penn	\$ 6,168.00
Shane Davison	\$ 6,168.00	Craig Portell	\$ 6,168.00
Jeff Goodman	\$ 6,168.00	Dennis Teague	\$ 6,168.00
Mark King	\$ 6,168.00		

Expenses **\$ 103,731.33**

<u>Home Missions</u>	<u>\$ 44,336.00</u>	<u>International Missions</u>	<u>\$ 21,504.00</u>
Josh Bennett	\$ 6,168.00	Shane Davison	\$ 6,168.00
Jeff Goodman	\$ 6,168.00	Tyler Penn	\$ 6,168.00
Jamie Lee	\$ 32,000.00	Dennis Teague	\$ 9,168.00
<u>E.L.I.C.</u>	<u>\$ 18,504.00</u>	<u>Joliet Property Expenses</u>	<u>\$ 3,335.45</u>
Mark King	\$ 6,168.00	Nicor Gas (gas)	\$ 1,840.06
Sarah Malone	\$ 6,168.00	ComEd (electric)	530.39
Craig Portell	\$ 6,168.00	Northwest (mowing & landscaping)	965.00

<u>Missionary Expenses</u>	<u>\$ 12,758.42</u>	<u>Board Expenses</u>	<u>\$ 3,293.46</u>
Jamie Lee (<i>Travel</i>)	\$ 5,246.09	Champaign Vision Trip (<i>Meal & Gas</i>)	\$ 316.30
Christmas Bonuses	\$ 1,650.00	Pastor's Breakfast (<i>Vision Casting</i>)	\$ 297.66
Davison Funeral (<i>Expenses</i>)	\$ 577.09	IL Secretary of State (<i>Van License</i>)	\$ 106.50
Bennett Funeral (<i>Flowers</i>)	\$ 69.55	Postmaster	\$ 76.00
Living Hope Church (<i>Computer</i>)	\$ 2,900.00	Board Travel & Meetings	\$ 1,618.57
Mark King & Joel Teague Travel	\$ 615.69	Crossroads Bank (<i>checks & box</i>)	\$ 42.43
Penn & Reeves Donation	\$ 600.00	Brotherhood Mutual (<i>van insurance</i>)	\$ 836.00
E-TEAM & CMP Donations	\$ 1,100.00		

General Fund Balance **12/31/16** **\$ 134,914.49**

<u>Church Plant Fund</u>	Balance	1/1/16	\$ 45,888.96
Church Gifts		+ \$ 2,135.00	
IGO – 28%		+ 19,189.31	
Jamie Lee Account – H.M.		- 32,000.00	
Balance	12/31/16		<u>\$ 35,213.27</u>
<u>"The Bridge" Fund</u>	Balance	1/1/16	\$ - 0 -
Church & Individual Donations		+ \$ 39,353.87	
Balance	12/31/16		<u>\$ 39,353.87</u>

Other Investments

<u>American Funds</u>	12/31/16	<u>\$ 302.02</u>
<u>Templeton Funds</u>	1/31/16	\$ 34,065.14
Interest on Investment	\$ 3,289.57	
Balance	12/31/16	<u>\$ 37,354.71</u>

Following the report Bro. Ernie Lewis, chairman of the State Missions Board presented a slide presentation of the work of the: Springs Church, Rusty Carney, Mark King, Sarah Malone, Craig Portell, Darren Portell, the Teagues, and the work at Joliet a new Spanish speaking work. He then recognized Shane & Joy Davison, south France, Jamie Lee, Champaign and Tyler Penn, University of Illinois.

A motion was then sustained to receive the report and adopt the 2017 Budget. This was followed by motion to cease nominations and proceed to elect David Potete to the 2022 position.

The moderator then declared a recess.

MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE

Bro. Tyler Penn, assistant moderator presided over the service. He opened the service with prayer and then the congregation was led in singing "Amazing Grace" and "Victory in Jesus". Bro. Penn then introduced the morning speaker, Dr. Eddie Moody, who spoke on the topic "Ministering with Sexual Issues in a Changing Culture."

AFTERNOON SESSION

The afternoon session was opened with a message by Bro. Brad Ryan, pastor of the Ina FWB Church. He spoke of "God's Chosen People", using 1 Peter 2:9-12. He spoke concerning the thoughts: We are His beloved and will there be anyone saved because of our lives?

REPORT NO. 10

REPORT OF THE ILLINOIS WOMEN ACTIVE FOR CHRIST To the Illinois State Association March 2017

Davisons to speak – IL WAC Annual State Meeting – May 6, 2017

At our Illinois Women Active for Christ annual meeting, speakers Joy and Shane Davison will relate how their work with The Hannah Project brings the hope of eternal life to all cultures and specifically the culture where they work in France. Please join us Saturday, May 6, at Bear Point FWB Church, Sesser. Registration is at 8:30 a.m., and the meeting begins at 9:00 a.m. The worship service begins at 11:00 a.m. and concludes at noon with lunch provided by the Bear Point Women Active for Christ.

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), twin mattress pads, blankets (twin & full), 4-quart or larger crock pots, flatware (durable at least 12 place settings), cookie sheets, muffin tins, kitchen towel and potholder sets 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.

Report on IL WAC – Work Locally, 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 North America Missions and through the IGO Plan as well as directly to the WNAC National offices. We support many local projects, individual missionary accounts, and WNAC international encouragement to women's groups in Africa, Cuba and other countries where Free Will Baptists have ministries. 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 (North American Missions emphasis) Weeks of prayer. Women's Retreat – Coming up in 2018

Our biennial Fall Women's Retreat theme will be on its regular two-year schedule. Further information, including ways you can be involved, will be publicized as we near the 2018 date.

Please pray and praise for all the work our women do in the Lord's service!

All in the Name of Jesus,

Susan Burgess ILWAC President

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IL WAC Officers: Vice President Barbara Spencer, Secretary Janice Futrell, Treasurer Linda Cook, Assistant Treasurer Jane Harmon, Field Representative Vickie Hollis, Representatives Audrey Cash, and Brenda Fowler

ILLINOIS STATE FWB ACTIVE FOR CHRIST TREASURER'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR MAY 1, 2015 – APRIL 30, 2016

BALANCE BROUGHT FOWARD FROM MAY 1, 2015		\$	1,020.44
RECEIPTS:			
State Meeting Offering.....	\$	400.00	
Emily Malone District.....	\$	977.53	
Loyal Workers District.....	\$	1,852.90	
TOTAL RECEIPTS.....	\$	3,230.43	
TOTAL TO BE ACCOUNTED FOR		\$	4,250.87

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DISBURSEMENTS:

STATE MEETING:	Ezra Drama Team.....	\$	50.00
	Sarah Malone (Devotion).....	\$	100.00
	Kellie Penn (Speaker)	\$	300.00
	Elizabeth Hodge (WNAC)	\$	145.00
	Emily Petty (E-Team)	\$	50.00
	Ester Smith (E-Team)	\$	50.00
	Kerri Gammon (E-Team)	\$	50.00

OTHER	Ina FWB WAC (Camp Hope Apt.)	\$	186.34
IGO PROJECT.....		\$	200.00

WNAC:	General Fund	\$	1,033.54
	Emphasis.....	\$	27.74
	Dues (99 Members).....	\$	1,485.00

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS.....		\$	3,677.62
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ENDING BALANCE APRIL 30, 2015.....	\$	573.25
GENERAL FUND.....	\$	87.91
FELLOWSHIP RETREAT.....	\$	391.68
MEMORY SIS. ELLAMAE HILTIBIDAL.....	\$	93.66
CHECKBOOK BALANCE.....	\$	573.25

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

INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS

General Fund	\$	440.00
Shane Davison		690.00
Rusty Carney		120.00
Dennis Teague		120.00
Darren Portell		360.00
Tyler Penn		200.00
Mark King		950.00
David Outlaw		200.00
	\$	3,080.00

OTHER

WNAC General Fund (Co-Laborer)	\$	400.00
WMO		1,857.00
Cuban Women's Ministry		25.00
Avant Ministries Spain		120.00
Ivorian Retreat		400.00
Welch College		220.00
Provision Closet		392.00
Rachel Schweitzer (East Africa)		814.00
Pregnancy Care of Salem		50.00
Camp Hope Project		85.00
Chaca & Sarah Pierce (Cuba)		585.00
E-Team Members (2)		50.00

HOME MISSIONS

General Fund	25.00
Mark Shores	389.04
Josh Bennett	650.00
Mark Thomas	129.04
Marana Project	240.00
	\$ 1,433.08

IGO (Direct)	\$ 3,200.00
(State)	200.00
	\$ 3,400.00

Total Given Direct	\$ 15,933.14
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Total Through State	\$ 1,261.28
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Dues (99 Members)	1,485.00	(17)
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Alli Roberts (E-Team)	250.00		
Emily Petty (E-Team)	100.00		
Holly Petty (E-Team)	100.00		
Kassidy Wilson (Truth & Peace)	150.00		
Shelby Payne (Mission & College)	950.00	Total Given	\$ 17,194.42
Shawn Mygatt (Mission Trip)	200.00		
Dala Wingo (Hanna Project)	300.00		
Giving Tree	100.00		
Father's Day	38.00	2014-2015 Giving Reported	
Christmas Boxes	391.00		
Sesser-Valier Food Pantry	275.00	International Missions	\$ 8,800.00
Graduation Gifts	20.00	Home Missions	1,421.52
Mother-Daughter Banquet	69.00	Other	5,985.69
Non-Cash Gifts	29.06	IGO	4,966.00
	<u>\$ 8,220.06</u>	108 Members	1,620.00

The report was received as information and Sis. Susan Burgess gave report from the National Women Active for Christ. The moderator then recognized Bro. Sam McVay who gave a report from the Free Will Baptist International Mission Board. It was reported that due to very generous giving at the end of 2016 the board was able to pay all accounts out of the red and to give each a \$8000.00 beginning for 2017. Praise the Lord!

Bro. Ken Akers was then recognized and he gave a report from North American Ministries.

REPORT NO. 11
REPORT OF THE CAMP BOARD
ILLINOIS FREE WILL BAPTIST
CAMP BOARD
 Annual Report

January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016

I. YOUTH CAMP PROGRAM AT CAMP HOPE

1. Leadership Camp was held at the beginning of June. Johnny Hollis directed a camp to train 16 teens to work in Junior and Primary Camp.
2. Five weeks of youth camps were successfully held throughout the summer of 2016:
 PRIMARY CAMP - 69 Campers JUNIOR CAMP - 97 Campers
 JUNIOR HIGH CAMP - 84 Campers FRESH-SOPH CAMP - 70 Campers
 JUNIOR-SENIOR CAMP - 46 Campers
 A total of 382 Campers registered for our Free Will Baptist camps. This was 7 less campers than registered in 2015. Several salvation decisions were recorded.

II. MAINTENANCE AND IMPROVEMENTS TO THE FACILITY

1. Painted the **Pool Steps** and added sand for traction.
2. Painted the **Backstops** at the baseball field.
3. Stained the **Caretaker's House** to preserve the wooden siding.
4. Picked up and transported all kinds of **Kitchen Equipment** from the Olin Company that was acquired by Don Federle.
5. Put **Railroad Ties** around both sets of playground equipment.
6. Put **Railroad Ties** around the archery range.
7. **Mulched** with wood chips around all the playground equipment.
8. Put **New Sink** in the girls dorm with a cabinet under it.

9. **Painted** the inside **Canteen Floor** with leftover pool paint.
10. **Painted Stalls** in the girls dorm bathroom.
11. **Waxed Floors** in the new gym bathrooms. (*Done by Jeff Dunaway*).
12. Put **Bed Rails** on all the top bunks in each dorm.
13. Ordered **Metal** for the **Boys Dorm Roof** that was damaged in a storm (*to be installed*).
14. Put **Hooks** on the **Archery Backstop** on which to hang targets.
15. **Replaced** some of the **Chains** on the playground swings.

III. BUSINESS TRANSACTED BY THE CAMP BOARD

1. The Camp Board hired Dylan Minson and Hope Walker, college students, as **S.A.M.** workers.
2. The Camp Board **Set Aside Funds** for future Camp Improvement and Building Maintenance.
3. The Camp Board raised \$ 25,000 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 1-3	Junior-Senior Camp - June 4-9
Junior-High Camp - June 11-16	Fresh-Soph Camp - June 18-23
Junior Camp - June 25- 30	Primary Camp - July 2-6
5. A Board approved a **Budget** for the 2016 calendar year:

PROJECTED RECEIPTS:

Cooperative Giving and Church Gifts	\$ 15,000.00
Gifts for the Building Projects	60,000.00
Rentals	25,000.00
Youth Camp 2017 Income	<u>40,000.00</u>
	+ \$ 140,000.00

PROJECTED DISBURSEMENTS:

Campground Utilities	\$ 17,000.00
Maintenance and Supplies	15,000.00
Youth Camp 2017 Expenses	28,000.00
Building Projects	68,000.00
Manager's Compensation	6,000.00
S.A.M. Scholarships	<u>6,000.00</u>
	- \$ 140,000.00

TREASURER'S REPORT

January 1 to December 31, 2016

GENERAL FUND

Balance	1/1/16	\$ 10,404.11
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RECEIPTS:

State Association Co-op	\$ 10,807.14
Individual and Church Donations	4,579.51
Rentals	24,750.00
Southeastern Electric Capital Credit	272.67
Youth Camp Income	36,825.08
Interest on Account	<u>7.90</u>
Total Received	+ \$ 77,242.30

DISBURSEMENTS:

Campground Utilities	\$ 16,591.54
Maintenance and Supplies	14,411.84
Workman's Compensation Insurance	604.00
Campground Improvement Fund (10% Regs & Rent)	5,565.80
Building Maintenance Fund (transfers)	1,500.00
S.A.M. Workers	5,800.00
Youth Camp Expenses	27,283.64
Manager's Compensation	<u>5,700.00</u>
Total Disbursed	- \$ 77,456.82

BALANCE	12/31/16	<u>\$ 10,189.59</u>
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Building Maintenance Fund

Balance	1/1/16	\$ 6,455.44
Transfers from General Fund	\$ + 1500.00	
Brotherhood Mutual Insurance Company (<i>Roof Damage Claim</i>)	4,438.58	
Interest on Account	+ <u>3.23</u>	
Boys Dorm Roofing Materials	- \$ 4,469.01	
Balance	12/31/16	<u>\$ 7,928.24</u>

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Campground Improvement Fund

Balance	1/1/16	\$ 10,228.39
Transfer from General Fund (<i>10% Camper Registrations</i>)	+ \$ 3,090.80	
Transfer from General Fund (<i>10% Camp Rentals</i>)	+ 2,475.00	
Donations for Building Project (<i>Dorm & House</i>)	25,152.19	
Interest on Account	+ <u>10.03</u>	
Balance	12/31/16	<u>\$ 40,956.41</u>

Kitchen Cabinet Fund

Balance	1/1/16	\$ 5,713.98
Interest on Account	+ <u>2.85</u>	
Balance	12/31/16	<u>\$ 5,716.83</u>

Camper Scholarship Fund

Balance	1/1/16	\$ 915.55
Interest on Account	+ <u>0.43</u>	
Balance	12/31/16	<u>\$ 915.98</u>

FREE WILL BAPTIST CAMP BOARD

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

A motion was sustained to receive the report and adopt the 2017 budget. The name of Bryant Harris was placed in nomination for the 2022 and a motion was sustained the cease nominations and proceed to elect Bryant Harris to the position.

The moderator then recognized Bro. Barry Simpson who gave a report from FWB Foundation. And then Bro. Larry Clyatt gave a report from the Board of Retirement.

REPORT NO. 12

2016 Annual Report of the Christian Education Board

The Christian Education Board met four times since the 2016 State Meeting. The responsibilities of the CE Board include providing educational resources, opportunities, and assistance to pastors, lay people, and college students. For the past year, we also have developed and maintained the State Association website: www.ilfwb.org.

Our annual Christian education seminar at the State Meeting continues to be well received. In 2016, Bro. Curt Gwartney, pastor of Fellowship Free Will Baptist Church in Park Hills, Missouri, spoke on the topic of "Transitioning Youth to Active Adult Ministry." This year, Bro. Eddie Moody, pastor of Tippet's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church in Clayton, North Carolina, is presenter for the Thursday night seminar, March 16, 2017, 7:00 p.m. at the Benton First Free Will Baptist Church. His topic is "Surviving Culture" and will offer strong advice on the need to be prepared and make wise decisions to navigate today's culture. For 2018, Dr. Robert Picirilli has accepted our invitation to conduct the seminar at the State Meeting, if he is physically able to attend.

Once again, the CE Board is offering assistance to pastors attending the RHMA (Rural Home Missionary Association) Small Town Pastor's Conference in Morton, Illinois, April 24-26. The board will reimburse any Illinois Free Will Baptist pastor for the conference registration fee. Pastors who would like to attend should register themselves and send receipts to the CE Board for reimbursement. A form for this purpose is provided on the State Association website. (17)

We have been pleased to provide scholarships and financial assistance for Illinois students attending Welch College. In 2016, we paid out \$3,668 in scholarships divided evenly among 12 students and a \$1,000 scholarship for a ministerial student. In addition to scholarships, the board voted to send a love offering of \$100 to each student to help with relocation expenses in the second semester.

The CE Board has been discussing an educational program that would recruit capable and trusted leaders willing to teach a short course or seminar in our local churches on Wednesday or Sunday evenings. Depending on course content, this may be a single event or a series of teaching sessions. The primary question at this time is "How do we best gauge the level of interest in a program like this in our churches?"

After eight years of faithful service as CE Board chairman, Bro. David Mishler has stepped down as chairman but remains an active and involved member of the board. Keith Fletcher will serve as board chairman until the State Meeting.

Respectfully submitted, Keith Fletcher, chairman, Ross Bunton, secretary, Ivan Ryan, treasurer
Jason Jean & David Mishler

Proposed Budget for 2017

Income:

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

Expenses:

Board Expenses	\$500.00
Website Development & Maintenance	\$500.00
Seminar Expenses	\$1,500.00
Scholarships	<u>\$3,500.00</u>
Total	\$6,000.00

CE Board Financial Statement for 2016**01/01.16—12/31/16****General Fund**

Beginning Balance		\$5,954.80
Income		
Co-op	\$3,242.13	
C.E. Scholarship Redemption	2,493.00	
Ministerial Scholarship Redemption	1,000.00	
	Total Income	\$6,735.13
Expenses		
Board Expenses	\$322.03	
Sem/State Expense	\$450.00	
C.E. Scholarships	\$3,668.00	
Ministerial Scholarship	\$1,000.00	
Relocation Bonus Gifts	\$1,200.00	
	Total Expenses	\$6,640.03
Ending Balance		<u>\$6,049.90</u>

Ministerial Scholarship Fund

Beginning Balance	\$6,283.33
Co-op income	\$1,362.32
Dividend	\$1.42
Ministerial Scholarship	(\$1,000.00)
Ending Balance	<u>\$6,647.07</u>

CE Board Scholarship Fund

Beginning Balance	\$45,505.66
Redemption for CE Scholarships	(2,493.00)
Dividends Reinvested	889.39
Capital Gains	2,076.29
Gain/(Loss) On Investment	2,908.71
Ending Balance	<u>\$48,887.05</u>

Motion was sustained to receive the report and adopt the 2017 budget. The name of Jason Jean was placed in nomination for the 2022 position and a motion to cease nominations and proceed to elect Jason Jean to the position.

REPORT NO. 13**ILLINOIS CTS BOARD REPORT****JANUARY 1, 2016 TO DECEMBER 31, 2016**

The Free Will Baptist State Competition was at Ina Free Will Baptist Church April 29-30, 201. There were 46 young people, 56 entries and 9 churches. Blue Point: 3 competitors, 3 entries, Calvary: 5 competitors, 5 entries, Bear Point: 4 competitors, 6 entries, Northwest: 2 competitors, 3 entries, Decatur: 4 competitors, 8 entries, Pleasant View 4 competitors, 5 entries, Rescue: 6 competitors, 11 entries, Ina: 15 competitors, 11 entries, Pittsburg: 3 competitors, 4 entries.

The winners of Free Will Baptist from the State of Illinois at the 2016 National Youth Conference July 17-20, 2016 at Kansas City, Missouri:

CONGRATULATIONS:

Placement	Name	Church	Competition
1st	Blue Point Bowl	Blue Point	D 0.80 Bible Bowl
3rd	Colin Waller	Blue Point	D 6.51 Individual Drama
1st	Jevan Squires	Rescue	K 0.K5 Individual Bible Memory
2nd	Payton Heater	Rescue	B 7.43 T-Shirt Design
1st	CAMO- Christ's Amb.	Ina	B 6.62 Recorded Pupperty
1st	Breana Wingo	Ina	D 7.71 Sculpted Clay
1st	Sophie Laughlin	Ina	C 8:20 Personal Experience Essay
2nd	Ina Quartet	Ina	A 2.40 Quartets
3rd	Breana Wingo	Ina	D 7:52 Photo Essay Art
3rd	Jack Ryan	Ina	B 7:80 Conceptual Art
1st	Erin Maas	Pleasant View	D 8:11 Short Article
2nd	Callah Mathena	Pleasant View	D 8:70 Devotion
2nd	Blake Hayes	Pleasant View	D 8:12 Long Article
3rd	Rachel Maas	Pleasant View	B 8:70 Devotion
2nd	Seth Ulrey	Calvary	B 7:20 Drawings
3rd	Ashten Winter	Decatur First	D 7:30 Mixed Media

ALL OF THE YOUTH AT THE CONFERENCE ARE WINNERS !

No real changes in the New Guidelines - 2016 2018 50th Anniversary Edition.

To View all the National Winners go to : "Verticalthree.com "

CTS State Competition at Ina FWB church April 28-29 2017 . See you there !

Then on to Louisville , Ky July 16-19 2017 .

We are creating a data base for Judges in the State for CTS . Please Help us. Thank You!

Respectfully Submitted , CTS Board : Tommy Lewis , Allen Bigley , Josh Colson , Kathy Hayes, and Kelly Douglas

ILLINOIS STATE FREE WILL BAPTIST CTS BOARD PROPOSED 2017 BUDGET

INCOME

Co-op receipts	\$3,025.00
State CTS Competition registration fees	<u>1,150.00</u>
Total:	\$4175.00

EXPENSES

NYC Registration fees	\$1435.00
CTS state competition judges	550.00
Competition host church	300.00
CTS Supplies Randal House	200.00
Camp Hope Canteen Cards	125.00
State Competition hotel rooms	225.00
State Competition Fellowship	600.00
State Completion Supplies (local supplies)	125.00
Postage	15.00
CTS Board computer	<u>600.00</u>
Total:	\$4,175.00

Respectfully submitted, Allen Bigley CTS Board Treasurer

ILLINOIS STATE FREE WILL BAPTIST CTS BOARD

2016 ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

January 1 - December 31, 2016

BEGINNING BALANCE	01-01-2016	\$5,188.11
DEPOSITS:		
Co-op receipts	\$3016.38	
State Competition fees	1150.00	
TOTAL DEPOSITS	\$4166.38	\$9,354.49
EXPENSES:		
State Competition expenses	\$1390.75	
Randal House	137.91	
NYC Registration fees	1370.00	
Postage	<u>16.25</u>	
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$2914.25	
ENDING BALANCE	December 31, 2016	\$6,439.58

Respectfully submitted, Allen Bigley CTS Board Treasurer

Motion was sustained to receive the CTS report and adopt the 2017 budget. The name of Bro. Tim Lewis was placed in nomination for the 2022 position and a motion was sustained to cease nominations and proceed to elect Bro. Lewis to the 2022 position.

The moderator then recognized Bro. Mike Edwards to give a report from Welch College.

PARTIAL REPORT OF THE BUSINESS COMMITTEE

Item #1 We recommend that article 7 of our constitution be amended to read:

This association shall be actively affiliated with the National Association of Free Will Baptists, Inc. of the United States, and shall make no regulations repugnant to that body.

Item # 2 We recommend that Article III, Section1 of the By-Laws be amended by deleting "Original Free Will Baptists as adopted by the National Association of that body," and replaced by "National Association of Free Will Baptists, Inc. of the United States."

Item # 3 We recommend that our Constitution & By-Laws be amended by addition of complete King James Scripture verses wherever Scripture references are included.

Motion was sustained to table items 1-3 until tomorrow.

The moderator then recognized Ryan Lewis to give a report from the Executive Office and Roger Castle to give a report from FWB Family Ministries.

The moderator then took prayer requests from the audience and he then closed the Friday afternoon business session in prayer.

EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE

The evening worship service with Bro. David Shores presiding began with the congregation singing "Praise Him" with Bro. Mike Thomas leading the song service and Sis. Alisha Leffler at the piano. Bro. Phillip Kennedy led in prayer and the congregation then sang a medley of songs: "That Will Be a Glad Day, and Power in The Blood". Special music was provided by Alisha Leffler, Bethany Sink, Larry Clyatt and Mike Thomas. Dr. Eddie Moody brought the evening message speaking on the topic "First Aid For Sexual Issues and he then closed in prayer.

SATURDAY MARCH 18, 2017

The moderator brought the morning devotion using Mark 25:1-12 concerning being doers of the Word and not hearers only. He then closed in prayer.

REPORT OF THE BUSINESS COMMITTEE (TABLED ITEMS)

The items laid on the table at the close of Friday afternoon were brought forward for consideration and a motion was sustained to remove the items from the table and act upon them item by item.

Item #1 We recommend that Article 7 of our constitution be amended to read:

This association shall be actively affiliated with the National Association of Free Will Baptists, Inc. of the United States, and shall make no regulations repugnant to that body.

Motion was sustained to adopt Article 7 of the State Constitution as amended.

Item # 2 We recommend that Article III, Section1 of the By-Laws be amended by deleting "Original Free Will Baptists as adopted by the National Association of that body," and replaced by "National Association of Free Will Baptists, Inc. of the United States."

Motion was sustained to adopt Article III Section 1 of the By-Laws as amended.

Item # 3 We recommend that our constitution & By-Laws be amended by addition of complete King James Scripture verses wherever Scripture references are included.

Motion was sustained to adopt Item # 3

REPORT NO. 15 OBITUARY REPORT

An excellent slide presentation was given by the assistant clerk, Jason Janus showing pictures and names of the deceased. The following were included:

DECEASED

EAST CENTRAL

Doris Bozarth-Blue Point
Robert Smith-Blue Point
Erma Plummer-Crossroads
Clyde "Dean" Fulk-Decatur
Lois Spaw-Decatur
Charlotte Pearl Myers-Decatur
Aileen Waggoner-Mt. Vernon
Bea Drennen- Mt. Vernon
Reva Petty-Mt. Vernon
Berthul "Bert" Hiltibidal-Pleasant View
Williaim Burnside-Pleasant View

METRO EAST

Glen Gray Doug Hilmer
Jean Maynard Bob Leckrone
Dale King Louis Barker
Mary McCan Ruth Ellis
Lori Vink Louis Pilcher

SOUTH CENTRAL

Jim Christie-Harmony
Ruth Aldridge-Harmony
Cline Roberts-Harmony-Deacon
Jewell Hoffard-Harmony
Lille Roberts-Johnston City
Iris Sanders-Johnston City
Tim McDonald-Johnston City

NORTHERN ILLINOIS

No Deaths to Report

FOX RIVER

Thelma Hammons-Living Hope

REND LAKE

Nancy Modlin-Bakerville
Ruth Birkhimer-Bakerville
Marietta Williams-Bear Point
Vernon Endersbe-Bear Point
Jim Cox-Bear Point
Katy Lewis-Hazel Dell
Norma Jones-Ina
Charles Hancock-Ina
Patricia Krehbiel-Ina
Edward Stevens-Ina
Curtis W. Fowler-New Hope
Huck Lea-New Hope
Betty Dixon-Rescue
Jacque Gilbert-Waltonville
Ron Fairchild-Waltonville
Keith Beckham-Waltonville
Pat Panzier-Waltonville

A motion was sustained to receive the report and Bro. Bryant Harris led in prayer.

REPORT NO. 16

FINAL REPORT OF THE BUSINESS COMMITTEE

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

Item #4 We recommend the following Honorariums for our associational officers:

Moderator -- \$400, Treasurer-- \$850, Clerk-- \$650 and Assistant Clerk-- \$200.

Motion was sustained to adopt item #4

Item # 5 We recommend a standing vote of thanks, and a cash gift of \$100 be given the 1st FWB Church of Benton for their hospitality in hosting the 2017 State Association.

Motion was sustained to adopt Item #5 and the congregation stood showing their appreciation.

Item #6 We recommend our association accept the invitation of the Peace FWB Church, Granite City, as host for the 2018 annual session.

Motion was sustained to accept the invitation.

Motion was sustained to elect the following delegates to the National Association in Louisville, KY July 16-19, 2017 and to give the moderator authority to fill any vacancies. The following were elected: Amy Johnson, Sarah Fletcher, and Emily Smith.

REPORT NO. 17

FINAL REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

A motion was sustained to receive the report and act upon office by office:

Treasurer: Tim Hayes

Motion was sustained to cease nominations and proceed to elect Tim Hayes to the office of Treasurer.

Assistant Clerk: Jason Janus

Motion was sustained to cease nominations and proceed to elect Jason Janus to the office of Assistant Clerk.

Clerk: Larry Cook

Motion was sustained to cease nominations and proceed to elect Larry Cook to the office of Clerk

Assistant Moderator: Tyler Penn

Motion was sustained to cease nominations and proceed to elect Tyler Penn to the office of Assistant Moderator,

Moderator: Curtis Smith

Motion was sustained to cease nominations and proceed to elect Curtis Smith to the office of Moderator.

The moderator then appointed the following to a committee to research the possibility of an association missionary: John Hollis, Bryant Harris, Larry Cook, Larry Clyatt, David Shores, and Ernie Lewis.

Bro. Ernie Lewis then shared a video of Thanks by McGuire Portell.

The following names were placed in nomination for the Nominating Committee for 2017-2018: Ross Bunton, Tom Harmon, Ivan Ryan. Motion was sustained to cease nominations and proceed to elect.

The moderator then appointed the following to the Auditing Committee: Kelly Douglas, Francis Scott, & Josh Colson.

REPORT NO. 18

REPORT OF THE REGISTRATION COMMITTEE

The following report was given concerning those in attendance at the meeting:

Visitors	33
Elected Delegates	15
Church Delegates	1
Standing Delegates	<u>40</u>
For a Total of	89

Motion was sustained to adopt the report.

Motion was made and sustained to adjourn the 2017 business session.

SATURDAY MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE

Bro. Curtis Smith presided over the meeting and Bro. Mike Thomas led the congregation in singing "Blessed Assurance and Have Faith In God" and Bro. Keith Fletcher led in prayer. The message was brought by Bro. Steven Cantrell pastor of the 1stFWB Church of Decatur. He spoke from 2 Timothy 1:6-7 the service was closed in prayer.

