

**MINUTES OF THE
ILLINOIS STATE ASSOCIATION
OF FREE WILL BAPTIST**



**HAZEL DELL FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
SESSER, ILLINOIS**

MARCH 18-19, 2021

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**MINUTES OF THE 61ST ANNUAL MEETING
OF THE ILLINOIS STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST**

Due to the problems presented by COVID-19 the State Meeting was held on Thursday evening and all day on Friday. The Thursday evening meeting was opened in prayer by Bro. Tyler Penn, followed by the clerk welcoming everyone to the meeting. The moderator then recognized the standing delegates and the District reports were given.

**REPORT NO. 1
2020 DISTRICT REPORTS**

Districts	East Central	Rend Lake	South Central	Metro East	Northern	Fox River	Total
# of Churches	7	10	7	5	1	4	34
# Cities	3	4	2	5		4	18
# Rural	4	6	5				15
# Reporting	7	10	7	4		4	32
Full-Time P	7	4	2	4		2	19
Bi-Vocational P	1	6	4			2	13
# of Baptisms	12	6	6	11		3	38
Members ++	12	12	10			7	41
Members Lost	13	12	2	1		3	31
Tot. Members	643	932	555(3)	440		83	2653
Total Income	687,517	987,696	906,073(5)	396,566		209,688	3,187,540
Church/Budget	6	4	2	5		2	19
# /Parsonage	2	4	1	1		1	9
Value- Property	4,846,000	8,468,000	10,990,000(5)	4,075,000		2,100,000	30,479,000
# Ordained	12	15	13	7		4	51
# Licensed	0	1	4	2		3	9
# Deacons	19	28	22	4		3	76
Christian School				1			1
Bible Institute				1			1
Sunday School	408	412		90		48	958

Numbers in parathesis

DELEGATES

EAST CENTRAL

Amy Johnson

Susan Lewis

REND LAKE

Patricia Smith

Emilee Smith

Jane Harmon

Anne Sink

SOUTH CENTRAL

Diane Ryan

Mark King

Buffy Diefenbach

Darlene Zimmerman

FOX RIVER METRO EAST NORTHERN

DECEASED

EAST CENTRAL

Rev. Howard Sinclair Flota- Mt. Vernon 1st

Robert Swain- Mt. Vernon 1st

Thelma Martin- Mt. Vernon 1st

Ralph Nunley- Mt. Vernon 1st

Ester Fleta Edwards- Mt. Vernon 1st

David Shurtz- Mt. Vernon 1st

James "Jim" Higgins- Mt. Vernon 1st

Donnie Loret Shurtz- Mt. Vernon 1st

Betty Lois Copple- Mt. Vernon 1st

Paul Wayne Hill- Blue Point

Melvin Spitzner- Blue Point

Robert E. Hilliard- Blue Point

Mike Maculevics- Blue Point

SOUTH CENTRAL

Betty King- Harmony

Jewel Smith- Harmony

Irma Stone- Harmony

Donnie Phillips- JCity Church

REND LAKE

Eula Richardson- Bakerville

Paula Gentry- Bakerville

William A. "Sonny" Bunton- Bear Point

Cecil Webb- Bear Point

Kent Pierce- Ina

Arlie Galloway- Hazel Dell

Virginia Mae Walters- Nason

Patsy "Pat" Pickett- New Hope

Frances Scott- New Hope

Erma Lee Conner- Rescue

Don Miller- Waltonville

Jerry Wilderman- Waltonville

Charles Beckham- Waltonville

EAST CENTRAL

Wanda Marie Huffine- Calvary
 William (Bill) D. DuBois- Pleasant View
 Morris Smith- Pleasant View
 Loretta Smith- Pleasant View

NORTHERN ILLINOIS**METRO EAST****FOX RIVER**

Diane Lundstrom-New Life

A motion was sustained to receive the reports and seat the delegates.

The moderator then appointed the following to serve on the Business Committee: Harlen Johnson, Ivan Ryan and Adam Brown.

REPORT NO. 2
THE TOGETHER WAY

National Association	24%	CTS Board	2%
Illinois State Missions	28%	Christian Education Board	3%
Promotional Secretary	11%	Disaster Response	0%
General Fund	19%	Master's Men	2%
Camp Board	10%	Ministerial Scholarship Fund	1%

A motion was sustained to approve the report.

REPORT NO. 3
REPORT OF THE STATE TREASURER

GENERAL FUND**Financial Statement**

February, 2020—January, 2021

Year to Date

BEGINNING CASH BALANCE

\$ 8,550.77

RECEIPTS:

Designated gifts	\$ 306,477.19
Annual dues	5,325.00
Other offerings	-
Interest	2.65

TOTAL RECEIPTS

311,804.84

\$ 320,355.61

DISBURSEMENTS:

National Association of Free Will Baptists	\$ 113,445.61
Illinois Board of Missions	118,551.21
Camp Hope	17,955.82
Illinois Master's Men	2,124.16
Illinois Promotional Fund	13,842.89
C.T.S. Board	2,124.16
Ministerial Scholarship Fund	1,062.10
Christian Education Board	3,186.25
Avant Ministries	1,272.00
English Language Institute of China	8,837.21
Other ministries	3,081.20
Mileage & Board expenses	1,780.03
Insurance	14,937.70
Office expenses	165.00
Honorariums & meeting expenses	1,650.00
National Association dues	6,125.00
National Association delegate expenses	--

**TOTAL
DISBURSEMENTS**

\$ 310,140.39

ENDING CASH BALANCE

\$ 10,215.22

GENERAL FUND

Budget

February, 2021 – January, 2022

BEGINNING CASH BALANCE

\$ 10,215.22

RECEIPTS:

\$ 20,000.00

Together Way Plan (17%)

Designated Gifts

Annual dues

6,825.00

Interest

-

TOTAL RECEIPTS

26,825.00

\$ 37,040.22

DISBURSEMENTS:

Mileage & Board expenses

\$ 2,000.00

Insurance

15,000.00

Office expenses

200.00

Honorariums & meeting expenses

4,000.00

National Association dues

6,125.00

National Association delegate expenses

750.00

Bank charges

100.00

**TOTAL
DISBURSEMENTS**

\$ 28,175.00

ENDING CASH BALANCE

\$ 8,865.22

PROMOTIONAL FUND

Financial Statement

February, 2020 – January, 2021

BEGINNING CASH BALANCE

\$ 3,257.18

RECEIPTS:

Designated gifts & Together Way plan

\$ 13,842.89

Other income

-

TOTAL RECEIPTS

13,842.89

\$ 17,100.47

DISBURSEMENTS:

Promotional Secretary salary

\$ 10,000.00

Mileage & Board expenses

-

Honorariums & meeting expenses

-

Printing newsletter

5,687.84

Office expenses

Bank charges

**TOTAL
DISBURSEMENTS**

\$ 15,687.84

ENDING CASH BALANCE

\$ 1,412.23

FREE WILL BAPTIST FOUNDATION

Beginning cash balance

\$ 47,604.26

Interest income

1,171.95

Ending cash balance

\$ 48,776.21

PROMOTIONAL FUND

Budget

February, 2021—January, 2022

BEGINNING CASH BALANCE \$ 1,412.23

RECEIPTS:

Designated gifts & Together Way plan \$ 15,000.00
Other income -

TOTAL RECEIPTS 15,000.00

\$ 16,412.23

DISBURSEMENTS:

Promotional Secretary salary \$ 10,000.00
Mileage & Board expenses -
Honorariums & meeting expenses -
Printing newsletter 5,700.00
Office expenses -
Bank charges -

**TOTAL
DISBURSEMENTS**

\$ 15,700.00

ENDING CASH BALANCE

\$ 712.23

Respectfully Submitted,
Michael Johnston, State Treasurer

2020 DESIGNATED GIVING IN STATE

February 1, 2020 – January 31, 2021

	TOGETHER WAY	ILLINOIS MISSIONS	PROMO- TIONAL FUND	CAMP HOPE	DISASTER RELIEF	TOTALS
Alexander	9000.00					900.00
Arnold View	16,460.91	1,300.00				17,760.91
Bakerville		32.00				32.00
Bear Point	8,309.81	4,306.75	150..	120.00	10,512.29	12,766.56
Benton 1 st	6,576.25	1,350.00				7,926.25
Blue Point	3,600.00	3,765.00	1,200.00	600.00	600.00	9,765.00
250.00	1,383.99	3,774.06				5,158.05
Connect	650.00					650.00
Crossroads	200.00					200.00
Decatur	6,790.05					6,790.05
Harmony W F	1,200.00	150.00				1,350.00
Hazel Dell	3,000.00		150.00	150.00		3,400.00
Ina	23,927.00	1,200.00	120.00	3,361.00		28,608.00
Johnston C.	1,630.36	1,630.26				3,260.72
Mt. Vernon	10,723.00	5,352.00				16,075.00
New Hope	2,920.00					2,920.00
Northwest	1,200.00	430.00	845.00		120.00	1,750.00
Oak Grove	590.79	550.00				1,140.79
Oak Valley		6,240.00				6,240.00
Pittsburg	2,004.00	52,499.42				54,503.42
Pleasant V.			300.00	600.00	80.00	980.00

Rescue	8,537.00			1,200.00	986.20	10,723.20
Victory	1,200.00	3,885.00				5,085.00
Waltonville	1,905.00		240.00	1,324.00		3,469.00
Other Payees	2,500.00	2,348.33			300.00	5,148.33
TOTALS	106,208.16	88,812.92	2,160.00	7,335.00	2,086.20	206,602.28

2020 GIVING TO NATIONAL MINISTRIES
February 1, 2020 – January 31, 2021

	Home Missions	International Missions	Other National Ministries	TOTAL
Alexander	-	-	-	-
Arnold View		10,310.00		10,310.00
Bakerville		3,776.00		3,776.00
Bear Point	100.00	3,336.00		3,436.00
Benton 1 st		764.77		764.77
Blue Point	7,929.00	16,127.43	110.00	24,166.43
Calvary	220.00	6,035.00	691.97	6,946.97
Connect		120.00		120.00
Crossroads	398.00	2,082.00		2,480.00
Decatur				
Harmony W F				
Hazel Dell				
Ina	240.00	20,767.00	5,510.00	26,517.00
Johnston C.		4,078.93		4,078.93
Mt. Vernon		1,260.00		1,260.00
New Hope				
Northwest	320.00	1,283.00	60.00	1,663.00
Oak Grove		650.00		650.00
Oak Valley				
Pittsburg				
Pleasant V.		7,346.81	300.00	7,646.81
Rescue		1,200.00		1,200.00
Victory		420.00	935.00	1,355.00
Waltonville				
Other Payees		2,560.00	944.00	3,504.00
TOTALS	9,207.00	82,116.94	8,550.97	99,874.91

A motion was sustained to receive the report and adopt the budgets for 2021.

REPORT NO. 4
REPORT OF THE AUDITING COMMITTEE
FEBRUARY 6, 2021

The Auditing Committee has audited the financial records of all the boards of the Illinois State Association of Free Will Baptist for their December 31, 2020 statements and of the General-Promotional Funds for their January 31, 2021 statements.

The Auditing Committee finds the records in order for the following: General-Promotional Fund, Master's Men Board-Disaster Response Fund, Missions' Board, Camp Hope Board, Christian Education Board, and CTS Board. Auditors: Buffy Diefenbach, Cody Alstat, Loren Taylor (Chairman)

A motion was sustained to approve the report.

REPORT NO. 5

EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORT FOR 2020-2021

The Executive Board met May 11, 2020 during the phone conference and organized with Bro. Curtis Smith, chairman and Bro. Larry Cook, recording secretary. The boards were organized as follows:

Church Training Board

Kathy Hayes, Sec.	2021
Tom Lewis Chr.	2022
Greg Walker	2023
Allen Bigley, Treas.	2024
Cody Hiller	2025

Christian Education Board

Ross Bunton, Sec.	2021
Gary Portell	2022
David Mishler	2023
Ivan Ryan, Treas.	2024
Keith Fletcher Chr.	2025

Board of Missions

Ernie Lewis, Chr.	2021
David Potete, Sec	2022
Jon Cannon Treas,	2023
Phillip Kennedy	2024
Daniel Mann	2025

Camp Board

Corey Penn, Sec.	2021
Bryant Harris, Chr.	2022
Tim Pierce	2023
Brad Ryan	2024
Brandon Dwyer	2025

Master's Men Board

Marty Leffler	2021
Shawn Mygatt, Treas.	2022
Mike Thomas, Chr.	2023
Daniel Pierce	2024
Nathan Beaty	2025

Executive Board Representatives

Moderator	Curtis Smith	
Asst. Moderator	Tyler Penn	East Central- John Hollis
Clerk	Larry Cook	Rend Lake- David Mishler
Asst. Clerk	Jason Janus	South Central- Loren Taylor
Treasurer	Mike Johnston	Metro-East- Ron Malone
Promotional Sec.	David Shores	Fox River- Kenneth Hendley
National General Board	David Shores	

MAY 11, 2020

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

PHONE CONFERENCE

The Executive Board held a phone conference due to virus restrictions with the following answering present: Curtis Smith, Tyler Penn, Larry Cook, Jason Janus, Mike Johnston, David Shores, Ernie Lewis, Bryant Harris, Keith Fletcher, Mike Thomas, Tom Lewis, David Mishler, Ron Malone, John Hollis, Loren Taylor.

A motion was sustained to allow the participation of a number of pastors due to this being a meeting in- which the Executive Board would act, due to the state meeting being cancelled, upon necessary state business at this time. These pastors would be allowed input and voting privileges as well.

Bro. Curtis brought a devotion from Daniel 1:3-7 concerning the thought that Daniel and his three Hebrew friends experienced much in captivity but never lost their identity. They still represented God even in Babylon.

A motion was sustained to approve the proposed Together Way Allocations for 2020.

Reports:

State Treasurer: A motion was sustained to approve both the 1st Quarter Report of 2020 and the Yearly Report for 2019 and to approve the 2020 budgets for both the General Fund and the Promotional Fund.

Promotional Secretary: A motion was sustained to receive the reports of the Promotional Secretary for the 1st Quarter of 2020 and the 2019 Yearly Report.

Board Reports:

State Mission's Board: A motion was sustained to receive both the 2020 1st Quarter and 2019 Yearly reports and to adopt the budget for 2020. A motion was sustained to cease nominations and elect Daniel Mann to the 2025 position on the board.

Master's Men: A motion was sustained to receive the 2020 1st Quarter and 2019 Yearly reports and to approve the budgets for 2020 of the Master's Men and DRU. A motion was sustained to cease nominations and elect Nathan Beaty to the 2025 position on the board.

CTS Board: A motion was sustained to receive the 2020 1st Quarter and 2019 Yearly reports and to adopt the 2020 budget. A motion was sustained to cease nominations and elect Cody Hiller to the 2025 position on the board.

CE Board: A motion was sustained to receive the 2020 1st Quarter and 2019 Yearly report and to adopt the 2020 budget. A motion was sustained to cease nominations and elect Keith Fletcher to the 2025 position on the board.

Camp Board: A motion was sustained to receive the 2020 1st Quarter and 2019 Yearly reports and to adopt the 2020 budget. A discussion ensued as to the holding of Youth Camp this summer and the board said a discussion would be made at the end of May. A motion was then sustained to cease nominations and elect Brandon Dwyer to the 2025 position on the board.

A motion was then made and approved to pay the following honorariums for 2020: State Treasurer \$900 and State Clerk \$750. The moderator and assistant clerk declined any honorarium.

The moderator then appointed a committee consisting of David Shores, Larry Cook and Jason Janus to propose a change in the Constitution and By-Laws concerning actions to be taken if and when another crisis as happened this year which brought about the cancelling of the State Association meeting might occur.

The meeting dates for the remaining 2020 Executive Board were set: August 17, November 9 and February 8 and they will be held at the 1st FWB Church in Mt. Vernon.

A motion was sustained to elect the following state officers for 2020:

Moderator; Curtis Smith

Assistant Moderator: Tyler Penn

Clerk: Larry Cook

Assistant Clerk: Jason Janus

State Treasurer: Mike Johnston

The Board then organized for the 2020 year with Larry Cook serving as secretary and Curtis Smith as chairman.

The obituary report was noted in the 2020 Digest of reports and Bro. John Hollis lead in a time of prayer in behalf of those who completed their course in 2019.

A motion was then sustained to adjourn and Bro. David Shores closed in prayer.

Signed: Larry Cook, State Clerk

Following were elected to the respective positions

REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Moderator-	Curtis Smith
Asst. Moderator	Tyler Penn
Clerk	Larry Cook
Asst. Clerk	Jason Janus
Treasurer	Michael Johnston

Board Members

CTS	Cody Hiller	(2025)
Christian Ed	Keith Fletcher	(2025)
Board of Missions	Daniel Mann	(2025)
Camp Board	Brandon Dwyer	(2025)
Illinois Masters Men	Nathan Beaty	(2025)

AUGUST 17, 2020

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

1ST FWB CHURCH, MT. VERNON

The Executive Board met with the following answering present: Curtis Smith, Tyler Penn, Larry Cook, Jason Janus, Mike Johnston, David Shores, Ernie Lewis, Bryant Harris, Keith Fletcher, Mike Thomas, Allen Bigley, David Mishler, John Hollis, and Kenneth Hendley.

Bro. Curtis brought a devotion from 1 Peter 3:1-3 concerning husbands and their wives.

REPORTS:

The Promotional Secretary presented his report and a motion was sustained to receive the report. This was followed by the report from the State Treasurer and a motion was sustained to approve the report.

BOARD REPORTS:

CTS BOARD: A motion was sustained to receive the report and approve the financial report.

STATE MISSIONS: A motion was sustained to receive the report and approve the financial report. Bro. Ernie gave an update concerning our missionaries and ask Bro. Tyler Penn to share concerning the work at the University of Illinois.

MASTER'S MEN: A motion was sustained to receive the report and approve the financial reports of the DRU and Master's Men.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: A motion was sustained to approve the financial report.

CAMP BOARD: A motion was sustained to receive the report and approve the financial report.

Moderator declared a short recess

MISC. BUSINESS

A motion was sustained to have the clerk to print the minutes of the 2020 State Association

A motion was sustained to send Curtis Smith, Tyler Penn, Mike Johnston and Jason Janus to the Leadership Conference to be held at Nashville in December.

A motion was sustained to receive the following report and recommend to the 2021 State Association Meeting.

We propose the following change in our By-Laws of Illinois State Association of Free Will Baptists:

(page 13 of our Constitution and By-Laws)

ARTICLE I Meeting of Members

(Present Wording):

Section 1. Annual Meeting: The annual meeting of the members shall convene on the third Friday morning of the month of March in each year, for the purpose of electing officers and board members and for the transaction of such other business as may come before the meeting. If said elections are not held on the day designated herein for any annual meeting, or at any adjournment thereof, the election shall be held at a special meeting of the members called as soon thereafter as conveniently may be.

(New Wording):

Should necessity arise from war, or pestilence or any cause which prevents a regular meeting of the Illinois State Association, whether such a condition is of a local or general condition, then the Executive Board shall be privileged to call and act with full authority in all matters pertaining to the general welfare of the Illinois State Association, providing whatever transactions passed shall be by two-thirds vote of the members present, and providing that such transactions shall not conflict with the purpose and edicts of the constitution and by-laws of the Illinois State Association.

We could strike the italicized second sentence of Section 1, and replace it with the new sentence so that it would read:

Section 1. Annual Meeting: The annual meeting of the members shall convene on the third Friday morning of the month of March in each year, for the purpose of electing officers and board members and for the transaction of such other business as may come before the meeting. Should necessity arise from war, or pestilence or any cause which prevents a regular meeting of the Illinois State Association, whether such a condition is of a local or general condition, then the Executive Board shall be privileged to call and act with full authority in all matters pertaining to the general welfare of the Illinois State Association, providing whatever transactions passed shall be by two-thirds vote of the members present, and providing that such transactions shall not conflict with the purpose and edicts of the constitution and by-laws of the Illinois State Association.

We present this Constitutional change to the Executive Board and recommend it for consideration.

David Shores, Chairman

Larry Cook

Jason Janus

The moderator appointed devotional responsibilities for November to David Mishler and February to Mike Johnston.

Motion was made to adjourn and Bryant Harris closes in prayer.

NOVEMBER 9, 2020

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

1ST FWB CHURCH, MT. VERNON

The Executive Board met with the following answering present: Curtis Smith, Tyler Penn, Larry Cook, David Shores, Ernie Lewis, Keith Fletcher, Mike Thomas, Allen Bigley, John Hollis, Loren Taylor and Kenneth Hendley. We had one visitor: Bro. Mark King

Bro. David Shores brought the devotion from 2 Timothy 4:6 and how we need to keep the faith and stand firm in these trying times.

REPORTS OF:

Promotional Secretary- A motion was sustained to approve the report.

State Treasurer- The moderator called attention to the report and a motion was sustained to adopt the report.

BOARD REPORTS:

State Missions: The chairman Bro. Ernie Lewis recognized Bro. Mark King who shared a report of what the future held for him and how at this time those supporting him should continue to send money to his account and not to him personally. The chairman then recognized Bro. Tyler Penn who shared concerning his work with Bro. Jamie Lee and the work on the campus of the University of Illinois. A motion was sustained to receive the report and adopt the treasurer's report.

Master's Men: A motion was sustained to receive the report and adopt the treasurer's report.

Camp Board: Bro. Ernie Lewis noted the Camp Board report and a motion was sustained to receive the report and adopt the treasurer's report.

Moderator declared a short recess

CTS Report: A motion was sustained to receive the report and adopt the treasurer's report.

Christian Education: A motion was sustained to receive the report and adopt the treasurer's report.

NEW BUSINESS:

A motion was sustained to recommend the adoption of the current TOGETHER WAY percentages:

National Association	24%	CTS Board	2%
Illinois State Missions	28%	Christian Education Board	3%
Promotional Secretary	11%	Disaster Response	0%
General Fund	19%	Master's Men	2%
Camp Board	10%	Ministerial Scholarship Fund	1%

A motion was sustained to accept the invitation of the Hazel Dell FWB Church to host the 2021 State Meeting, March 18-20, 2021

A motion was sustained to adjourn and we closed with a time of prayer.

February 8, 2021

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

1ST FWB CHURCH, MT. VERNON

The Executive Board met with the following answering present: Curtis Smith, Tyler Penn, Larry Cook, Jason Janus, David Shores, Keith Fletcher, Mike Thomas, Allen Bigley, Bryant Harris, John Hollis, Loren Taylor and Kenneth Hendley. We had one visitor: Bro. Mark King.

A motion was sustained to seat Allen Bigley as proxy for Tommy Lewis. A motion was sustained to approve the minutes of the November 9, 2020 Executive Board meeting.

Bro. Mike Johnston brought the devotion from Ezekiel 22:23-31 and alluded to this passage speaking of the conditions that exist in America today. And as God sought for a man in that time of Israel's history he asked the question "Are we the kind of person God would call on to fill the gap today?". After taking prayer requests he led in prayer.

REPORTS

Promotional Secretary's report was presented and a motion was sustained to receive the report.

State Treasurer then gave both his 4th quarter report and yearly report and a motion was sustained to adopt the reports and recommended the adoption of the 2021 General Fund and Promotional Fund budgets.

BOARD REPORTS:

The following boards gave their reports: Master's Men, Camp Board, Christian Education, and CTS. The following actions were taken for each of the reports. A motion was sustained to receive the reports, adopt the financial reports and recommend adoption of the proposed budgets for each board.

A RECESS WAS DECLARED

It was during our time of enjoying BBQ provided by Mike Thomas (which by the way was delicious) that Bro. Ernie Taylor by phone conference presented the State Missions Board report and a motion was sustained to receive the report, adopted the treasurer's report and recommend adoption for the proposed 2021 budget. Bro. Tyler Penn who is interim pastor at the Bridge Church gave a report of how things are going in this work.

CLOSING BUSINESS

The report of the Program committee was presented:

"The Program Committee recommends that the 2021 State Meeting be held at Hazel Dell and that due to COVID situation and looking to the health of all concerned that the meeting begin at 6 PM on Thursday evening prior to the Christian Education seminar and then following the seminar that we reconvene and present any business items that are required to be laid on the table. The meeting will then begin at 9 AM on Friday and conclude all business on Friday. The messages will be presented by Larry Cook 11 AM on Friday, and David Shores 1:30 PM on Friday. The business will reconvene at 7 PM followed by Bro. John Hollis bringing the message."

A motion was sustained to adopt the report of the program committee. A motion was then sustained to give each speaker an honorarium of \$200.

It was then noted an item of business from the 2020 phone conference concerning a report of the committee on the status of the Promotional Secretary which would be presented to the business committee for 2021.

Motion was sustained to recommend that the following: Curtis Smith, Tyler Penn, Larry Cook and Jason Janus present a letter to the State Meeting dealing with Educational regulations being considered by state government at this time.

Motion was sustained to adjourn and Bro. Jason Janus closed in prayer.

A motion was sustained to receive the report.

REPORT NO. 6

PARTIAL REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

CTS	Kathy Hayes	(2026) <u>Kathy Hayes</u>
Christian Ed	Ross Bunton	(2026) <u>Ross Bunton</u>
Board of Missions	Ernie Lewis	(2026) <u>Ernie Lewis</u>
Camp Board	Corey Penn	(2026) <u>Corey Penn</u>
Illinois Masters Men	Marty Leffler	(2026) <u>Marty Leffler</u>

A motion was sustained to receive the report and vote upon the nominees as each board report is given.

REPORT NO. 7

Report of the Promotional Secretary

Last year, as the Covid-19 pandemic was just beginning, I reported on our State Association was "...among the smaller groups which make up the National Association. However, we have several things that are very important that we contribute to the overall functioning of the National. We have a great spirit of cooperation among our standing boards and among the members of those boards that is expressed when we meet and evaluate the work in our State. Because all boards are funded through the Together Way Plan and we have to set up the allocations of those funds and make a recommendation to the delegates at this meeting to approve them. Every member of the Executive Board shares a concern for every board to be funded so they can function throughout the year. I am thankful to those on the Boards for their cooperative attitude. Please remember, all our boards are funded through this program. Encourage your church to give continue to give through our present crisis".

Looking back during that period, little did we realize how importance of those words. Reviewing the 2020 calendar January and February were busy months for our churches. It was a new year, a new beginning, a time of great expectations with challenging sermons and even good weather for winter in Illinois. Within a few weeks all of that changed and for the first time in our lifetime we were confronted with an epidemic that restricted our gatherings and brought us face to face with medical, financial, emotional and social issues we had never considered. It was a situation that would test us in many, hinder our ministries and stretch us to the limit. It was more than a local problem and soon engulfed out nation and the world. Someone remarked, "It was the longest year in history."

As Christians we know many others down through the years had to endure much more then we have been inconvenienced this past year. God has been very kind to us and we give Him thanks for His love and care.

Keeping all this in mind, the question is not, “How much have we suffered”, but, “How did we respond to the crisis?” In order to stay compliant with all the governmental rules, regulations and restrictions, we learned that we can still preach the Word, exalt Jesus Christ and promote the gospel to our communities. Our churches found telephones, iPads, tablets, computers, etc., can reach into the homes of our congregation and our people can worship, fellowship, keep informed and communicate with one another through the social media and at times could meet on parking lots, church lawns and in tents.

We also learned that we can meet as an association and function without the usual convention type meetings to which we were accustomed. Our state Executive Board called and received approval to conduct the business of our state by allowing them to meet and received board reports, adopt budgets, and receive and distribute funds. The National Association met in Nashville, Tennessee with only 20 representatives to conduct business on a limited basis. There was probably a greater amount of information reached everyone this year because all those who were responsible wanted everyone across the denomination to know what was being done. It was comforting to learn that Free Will Baptists have confidence in their leadership. We also learned that people love their pastor and their church enough to continue to support the ministry with tithes and offerings.

Now the question arises, “Will our people come back to church when the crises is passed?,” and that is a very good question. Some folks are afraid to return to in-service attendance and the dedicated efforts of pastors to minister to the members, a new convenience was added: people could stay home, watch or listen to the preacher, drink coffee and lounge in their pajamas! That, plus the fact that many churches have discontinued Sunday evening and Wednesday evening services may cause some to never return. My report does not address the answers on how to get things back to “normal”, this is simply a short analysis of what we have done and what must be done in the future.

All our boards, camps and other activities had to be canceled this year, but I wanted to give a big thank you to all who serve on these boards. They spend many hours and drive a lot of miles to take care of the business of our association. They have been restricted, goals were not met because of the virus, but they still have a vision for the future. Listen to the reports from these boards during this convention as they share what they have done and the goals set for this coming year. Thank you board members for serving well!

There is a lot of information coming from our National executive Secretary, Brother Eddie Moody. You may go online www.nafwb.org and find the Better Together Podcast, NAWFB News, Social Graphics and other postings. Please take advantage of these tools. Randall House continues to develop innovative ideas for families, IM keeps our missionary vision alive; Welch College has Round Table discussions – all set up to keep us informed.

The Illinois Newsletter has 600 mailed copies and 141 email versions sent out each month. As of January 1, 2021 The USPS increased the postage for each mailing plus the fees for keeping the mailing list updated was dramatically increased. The cost for the Post Office to send me your corrected addressed is now 62 cents, and if I request corrected addresses it is \$1.62. The mailing must be to be corrected annually, so this will be a slight increase in mailing costs. I did not get to visit much this year, I tried to schedule services but many churches had only morning service, I visited 10 quarterly meetings and spent time on the phone. Our Promotional Fund has several thousand dollars which have accumulated over the years and this association will be using those funds in various ministries in our state which have suffered some shortfalls. Thank God, we still have some reserves on hand to help us during this time.

My thanks to you for allowing me to serve.

Respectfully submitted.

David Shores

A motion was sustained to receive the report. This was followed by a video from the Board of Retirement. Bro. Mike Johnston then led in prayer and a recess was declared and the Christian Education Board presented their Thursday evening seminar and Bro. Daniel Edwards brought a very stirring message.

The Business session was then reconvened with a partial report of the Business Committee.

REPORT NO. 8

PARTIAL REPORT OF THE BUSINESS COMMITTEE

We the Business Committee recommend these two items be tabled and dealt with at tomorrow's business session.

The report of the Committee concerning the Feasibility of a Full-Time Promotional Secretary was received and a motion was sustained to recommend the report for consideration at the 2020 State Meeting.

To the Executive Board,

We the committee on promotional funds have met and have a recommendation to give to the executive board. We are in agreement that the funds in the promotional investment funds are insufficient for hiring a full time promotional person for the foreseeable future. We do see the need for the responsibilities of the position in the state and are in agreement that discussions on this position's job description and salary should be a priority of the executive board. We felt we had a focused responsibility to the board to simply give a recommendation as to what to do with the funds, whether to stay the course and keep them locked in promotional funds for future hiring or to release the funds for other ministerial needs. We did not fully research out and discuss the job description and salary aspects of this position, and therefore have no recommendations to make to that end. We simply attacked the task of what to do about the funds, to release them or stay the course.

We therefore recommend to the executive board that these funds be used as supplementary income for a part time promotional person acting with more responsibilities and likewise an income to match than what is currently being asked of by the executive board. We also recommend if there is no desire to pursue actionable acts towards this endeavor in 2020 that the funds then be released to other ministries as so directed by the executive board in 2021.

We propose the following change in our By-Laws of Illinois State Association of Free
Will Baptists:

(page 13 of our Constitution and By-Laws)

ARTICLE I Meeting of Members

(Present Wording):

Section 1. Annual Meeting: The annual meeting of the members shall convene on the third Friday morning of the month of March in each year, for the purpose of electing officers and board members and for the transaction of such other business as may come before the meeting. If said elections are not held on the day designated herein for any annual meeting, or at any adjournment thereof, the election shall be held at a special meeting of the members called as soon thereafter as conveniently may be.

(New Wording):

Should necessity arise from war, or pestilence or any cause which prevents a regular meeting of the Illinois State Association, whether such a condition is of a local or general condition, then the Executive Board shall be privileged to call and act with full authority in all matters pertaining to the general welfare of the Illinois State Association, providing whatever transactions passed shall be by two-thirds vote of the members present, and providing that such transactions shall not conflict with the purpose and edicts of the constitution and by-laws of the Illinois State Association.

We could strike the italicized second sentence of Section 1, and replace it with the new sentence so that it would read:

Section 1. Annual Meeting: The annual meeting of the members shall convene on the third Friday morning of the month of March in each year, for the purpose of electing officers and board members and for the transaction of such other business as may come before the meeting. Should necessity arise from war, or pestilence or any cause which prevents a regular meeting of the Illinois State Association, whether such a condition is of a local or general condition, then the Executive Board shall be privileged to call and act with full authority in all matters pertaining to the general welfare of the Illinois State Association, providing whatever transactions passed shall be by two-thirds vote of the members present, and providing that such transactions shall not conflict with the purpose and edicts of the constitution and by-laws of the Illinois State Association.

We present this Constitutional change to the Executive Board and recommend it for consideration.

David Shores, Chairman
Larry Cook
Jason Janus

A motion was sustained to receive the report and to table the report until tomorrow's business session. A letter from Dr. Moody was then read and a recess declared. Bro. Tom Harmon closed the meeting in prayer.

FRIDAY MORNING BUSINESS SESSION

The meeting was opened by Bro. Harlen Johnson leading us in prayer.

REPORT NO. 9



Illinois Free Will Baptist Board of Missions

2020 Annual Report

Illinois State Association of Free Will Baptists



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

- Assisted the Bridge Church with rent on an office space and later on a building to meet.
- Provided use of the IBM vehicle for missionaries on furlough in the United States.
- Gave \$1,000 to the Solid Rock Church to aid in their services and a pastoral search.
- Maintained the Joliet property of three buildings while paying the utilities.
- Traveled to Champaign and Joliet to deal with church business and encouraging planters.
- Borrowed money from the FWB CELF and drilled new well on the Joliet Property.
- Signed an "Option to Purchase" agreement in Joliet and rented the facilities for \$1,500/month.
- Assisted Ilian Perez in purchasing translation equipment for Palabra de Vida Church in Chicago.
- Received the Resignation of church planter Jamie Lee from the Bridge Church in Champaign.
- Assisted Paul Boyer in traveling to Springfield and preaching for the Heritage Church. ➤ Appointed Tyler Penn as the Interim Pastor at the Bridge Church in Champaign.
- Began a Search for a new Church Planter to go to Champaign with the Bridge Church. ➤ Sent a Christmas bonus to each missionary on the I-GO plan of support.

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

Josh and Ashley Bennett continue to build the Awaken Church in Tifton, Georgia. They have seen many new visitors and have won souls in their ministry.

Rusty & Brenda Carney - The Carneys have taken over the leadership of the Kamifukuoka Church in Tokyo in the absence of Ken & Judy Bailey.

Shane and Joy Davison continue their ministry to Muslims in the Centre in Aix-en-Provence, France. They have had to shut down in-person gatherings and teach most classes online.

Mark King has been staying in Illinois this year to care for his mother in Johnston City and is now looking for a new ministry through ELIC.

Jamie and Heather Lee resigned in December as church planter in Champaign and moved to Florida.

Sarah Malone has been working from Illinois and contacting teachers online while serving ELIC.

Tyler and Kellie Penn continue to reach out to International Students at the University of Illinois through online studies and conversations. Tyler has also accepted the position of interim pastor at the Bridge Church in Champaign until a church planter can be found.

Ilian Perez has been working to build the Palabra de Vida Hispanic church in south Chicago. They have a congregation currently looking for a meeting place.

Craig and Sarah Portell are working in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia as the director for ELIC there and Sarah is teaching classes.

Darren and Dana Portell are working at the Morrison Academy School in Taiwan. Darren is a teacher there and serves as a coach.

Dennis and Carol Teague have been working with two churches as they are without pastors and they are also assisting Joel & Lydie in planting a new church in the area.

Joel and Lydie Teague are working in France to continue their outreach 'discussions' with many atheists who are seeking answers. They have not been able to have any J'Pense events. They are starting a new church with new believers in La Haie Fouassiere.

Illinois Board of Missions

Budget for 2021

INCOME

I-GO Plan	\$ 70,000.00
Together Way Gifts	30,000.00
"The Bridge" Fund Gifts	20,000.00
Joliet Property Rent	18,000.00
Church Plant Fund	<u>1,000.00</u>
Total Income	\$ 139,000.00

EXPENSES

Missionary Accounts	\$ 90,000.00
Missions Projects	30,000.00
Missions Trips (<i>Short Term</i>)	5,000.00
Church Assistance	11,000.00
Board Expenses	<u>3,000.00</u>
Total Income	\$ 139,000.00

- Illinois Board of Missions -

Ernie Lewis David Potete Jon Cannon Phillip Kennedy Daniel Mann

**ILLINOIS BOARD OF MISSIONS
TREASURER'S REPORT
Annual Report 2020**

Check Book Balance: **\$108,282.10**
Beginning Balance-General Fund **\$ 49,528.09**

Deposits

The Bridge Fund	\$ 16,202.48
Together Way	29,662.02
IGO Gifts	70,866.38
Church Plant Fund	1,840.00
Joliet Fund	220.00
General Fund	22,764.75
Loan Fund	34,000.00
Rent Income	<u>3,000.00</u>
	\$198,555.63

Total Income **\$ 248,083.72**

Disbursements

ELIC

Craig Portell	\$ 7,086.61
Mark King	7,086.61
Sarah Malone	7,086.61

North America Ministries

Jamie Lee	\$ 14,173.22
Adam Garrett	2,669.84
Josh Bennett	7,086.61

International Missions

Dennis Teague	7,086.61
Shane Davison	7,086.61
Tyler Penn	7,086.61
College Miss.	350.00
E-Team	<u>2,100.00</u>

Total Mission **\$ 68,899.33**

Joliet Church

ComEd	\$ 666.15
Legal Fees	625.00
Mowing	180.00
NiCor Gas	<u>1,498.46</u>

Total Joliet **\$ 2,69.61**

Total Disbursements

\$ 202,395.31

Ending Balance-General Fund

44,688.41

Checkbook Balance

108,965.79

Bridge Church Fund

	\$ 23,566.86
State Assn	16,202.48
Individual	<u>0.00</u>
	\$ 39,769.34
Rent	9,000.00
Expenses	<u>6,806.00</u>
Total	\$ 23,963.34

Church Plant Fund

	\$ 35,337.15
IGO	7,086.89
Designated Gifts	<u>2,890.00</u>
	\$ 45,314.04
FWBNAME-Lee	<u>5,000.00</u>
Total	\$ 40,314.04

Franklin Investments \$39,305.62- 1,610.05= \$ 37,695.57

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The chairman Bro. Ernie Lewis took this time to recognize those missionaries that were in attendance at the meeting:

Bro. Mark King presently waiting for God's leadership in his next assignment.

Bro. Tyler Penn currently serving as interim pastor at the Bridge Church and working on the University of Illinois campus with international students.

Bro. Ilian Perez who is working to build a Hispanic church in Chicago.

A number of other missionaries were recognized either by letter or presentation by Bro. Ernie.

A motion was sustained to receive the report and adopt the budget for 2021. The floor was then opened for nominations to fill the 2026 position on the board. A motion was sustained to close nominations and proceed to elect Ernie Lewis for the 2026 position.

REPORT NO. 10

2020 Annual Report of the Christian Education Board

The Christian Education Board met once in person and three times via Zoom in 2020. Our annual seminar prior to the state meeting was cancelled due to the pandemic but we rescheduled Pastor Daniel Edwards from Indiana to present a new seminar at the 2021 State Meeting. His presentation is titled "Welcome to the Wilderness" and will address issues the church now must deal with related to COVID-19. The seminar will begin at 7:00 pm, Thursday, March 18 at the Hazel Dell Church near Sesser. Hopefully, we will be able to announce the topic and speaker for the 2022 Christian education seminar at this service.

Once again, we have provided scholarships for Illinois students attending Welch College. In 2020, we paid \$5,350 in scholarships divided evenly among students from Illinois and \$3,000 in ministerial student scholarships.

Respectfully submitted, Keith Fletcher, chairman, Ross Bunton, secretary, Ivan Ryan, treasurer, David Mishler
Gary Portell

CE Board Annual Financial Statement for 2020

01/01/20 – 12/31/20

General Fund	
Beginning Balance	\$5,327.55
Income	
Co-op	\$3,178.08
Scholarship Redemptions	\$6,850.00
Total Income	\$10,028.08
Expenses	
Board Expenses	\$53.52
C.E. Scholarships	\$5,350.00
Ministerial Scholarship	\$3,000.00
IFFWB Website Maintenance	\$500.00
Bank Fees	\$60.00
Total Expenses	\$8,963.52
Ending Balance	<u>\$6,392.11</u>

Ministerial Scholarship Fund

Beginning Balance	\$5,384.94
Coop income	\$1,059.37
Dividend	\$13.05
Ministerial Scholarship	(\$3,000.00)
Ending Balance	<u>\$3,457.36</u>

CE Board Scholarship Fund

Beginning Balance	\$62,304.90
Redemption for C.E. Scholarships	\$(3,850.00)
Dividends Reinvested	\$1,347.63
Capital Gains	\$818.88
Gain/(Loss) On Investment	\$2,267.19
Ending Balance	<u>\$62,888.60</u>

Proposed Budget for 2021**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
Website Development/Maintenance	\$500.00
Seminar Expenses	\$1500.00
<u>Scholarships</u>	<u>\$3,500.00</u>
Total	\$6,000.00

The chairman reported that the 2022 Christian Education seminar will be given by Bro. Doug Little. A motion was then sustained to receive the report and adopt the 2021 budget. The floor was then opened for nominations for the 2026 position on the board. A motion was sustained to close nominations and proceed to elect Ross Bunton for the 2026 position.

REPORT NO. 11**CTS Annual Report 2020**

We have been monitoring the Covid-19 restrictions to anticipate where we may be at in April for our state competition. We are planning to be ready for a socially distanced competition meeting at Ina based on the number of participants. Our board held a phone conference to discuss our different options. We are leaning toward churches being assigned a time slot during the normally scheduled days the last weekend of April the 23rd and 24th. The normal letters are being sent out and we will see what our numbers are and let all the churches know the final plan in plenty of time to make arrangements.

**ILLINOIS STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST CTS BOARD
2021 PROPOSED BUDGET**

INCOME:	2021 Together-way	\$2400.00
	CTS state competition registration fees	\$1600.00
TOTAL INCOME		\$4000.00

EXPENSES:	Vertical Three Registration fees	\$2900.00
	Randal House (medals, quiz questions)	\$ 225.00
	CTS Competition judges	\$ 200.00
	CTS Competition host church	\$ 300.00

CTS Competition hotel housing	\$ 150.00
CTS Competition local supplies	\$ 100.00
Camp Hope canteen cards	\$ 90.00
McDonald's Gift cards	\$ 25.00
Postage	\$ 10.00

TOTAL EXPENSES

\$4,000.00

**ILLINOIS STATE FREE WILL BAPTIST CTS BOARD
2020 ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT
January1 – December 31, 2020**

BEGINNING BALANCE		\$8,843.07
DEPOSITS:		
2030Together-Way	\$ 2313.23	
Donation Susan Burgess	\$ 25.00	
TOTAL	\$ 2338.23	\$11,181.30
EXPENSES:		
All Stars –n- Stitch	\$ 211.57	
TOTAL	\$ 211.57	\$10,969.73
ENDING BALANCE		\$10,969.73

Respectfully submitted,
Allen Bigley, CTS Board Treasurer

A motion was sustained to receive the report and adopt the budget for 2021. The floor was then opened for nominations for the 2026 position on the board. A motion was sustained to close nominations and proceed to elect Kathy Hayes for the 2026 position.

Bro. Brad Ryan then presented a report for Welch College.

**REPORT NO. 12
Illinois Master's Men / DRU
Annual Report 2020**

Due to COVID-19 pandemic, many events for 2020 were cancelled.

One being the State Meeting which was scheduled for the Calvary Church in Salem, Illinois. Chairman Thomas participated in the phone conference along with the other executive board members on May 11, 2020 to conduct state business.

Due to Illinois State mandates, mask use and social distancing, this board, Master's Men mainly kept in touch by email and phone communication.

Nathan Beaty agreed to serve another term on the board.

The Annual Youth Fishing Tournament that was scheduled for May 2nd was cancelled.

Men's Retreat scheduled for September 17-19, 2020 was also cancelled. Scheduled guest speaker, Eric Martin said to keep him in mind for 2021 Retreat.

Due to youth camps being cancelled, this board voted to donate \$1,000.00 to Camp Hope to help with expenses.

Our Disaster Response Unit traveled to Nashville, TN in early March to assist local churches and other groups with tornado cleanup. It was determined that the storm was an EF3 tornado. Thanks to Kevin Woolbright and the other volunteers that traveled to Tennessee to help others in their time of need. Kevin reported to the board that the D.R.U. could use a bigger chain saw. The Board gave him permission to look for what he needed and get a quote back to them. D.R.U. was quiet for the rest of the year.

Submitted By, Mike Thomas – Chairman, Shawn Mygatt – Treasurer, Nathan Beaty, Daniel Pierce, and Marty Leffler

**Illinois Masters Men
2020 Annual Treasurer's Report
January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020**

Balance forward from December 31, 2019	3744.21
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Income

TOGETHERWAY	<u>2118.71</u>
Total Income	2118.71

Expenses

Camp Hope	<u>1000.00</u>
Total Expenses	1000.00

Balance Forward to January 1, 2021	4862.92
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**Illinois Masters Men
Proposed Budget for 2021**

Anticipated Income:

Togetherway	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
2020 Annual Treasurer's Report
January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020**

Balance forward from December 31, 2019	17626.62
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Income

Donations	<u>2183.86</u>
Total Income	2183.86

Expenses

Larry Ohms	159.08
Brad Hayes	241.60
Kevin Woolbright	476.27
Raccoon Township	691.97
Karol Smith	174.29
KAS Rental, Inc	<u>1095.62</u>
Total Expenses	2838.83

Balance forward to January 1, 2021		16971.65
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**Illinois Masters Men
Disaster Response Unit
Proposed budget for 2021**

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

A motion was sustained to receive the report and adopt the 2021 budget. The chairman then shared some important dates to remember. The annual Fishing Tournament will be held May 1st and the Fall Master's Men Retreat will be held September 16-18. The floor was then opened for nominations for the 2026 position. A motion was then sustained to cease nominations and proceed to elect Marty Leffler to the 2026 position.

The moderator then declared a recess.

MORNING WORSHIP SESSION

Bro. Tyler Penn presiding the morning worship service was opened in prayer by Bro. Penn. This was followed by singing: Victory in Jesus and What A Friend We Have In Jesus. Bro. Larry Cook brought the morning message.

A recess was declared. Lunch was served by the host church, Hazel Dell

AFTERNOON BUSINESS SESSION

The afternoon session was opened with Bro. David Shores bringing the message from Acts 9:1-2. Bro. David then led in prayer.

REPORT NO. 13



FREE WILL BAPTIST WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

Report Of The Illinois Women's Ministry to the Illinois State Association for Year 2020

2020. I don't think any of us had a vision of what the year 2020 would really hold. But God knew! While most of our annual events were cancelled due to Covid-19 gathering restrictions, we were able to have an awesome event just prior

to things shutting down. On Friday, March 13th several ladies joined together for a Friday Night Girls Night Out at Ina FWB Church. We had games, giveaways, dessert, and most importantly spent time together with God. After a fun Books of the Bible challenge we were led in worship by the Ina Praise Team. Ladies were then challenged and encouraged by Amanda Simmons, missionary to the Samburu in Kenya, Africa to dig deeper in their walk with Christ. Amanda got personal as she shared about her walk with God, the challenges she faces, and the many blessings along the way. Ladies were touched and the conversations continued in a round table discussion in the fellowship hall with Amanda, cookies and lemonade!

The Loyal Workers District met on Saturday, March 14th at Rescue FWB Church where Rhonda McLearn was elected coordinator of the district. We are thankful for the ladies who have served in the past and those currently serving. We are definitely Better Together as we work to further God's Kingdom.

The remainder of our scheduled events for the year were cancelled or postponed. We hope to have our Ladies State Fellowship on Saturday, May 1st from 10am-2pm. Our state retreat is usually held during even years, but we bumped the 2020 retreat to this year. It is on the calendar for September 24th & 25th at Camp Hope. Diana Bryant, who was scheduled for 2020, will be our guest speaker.

On a national level, many events were affected by the pandemic as well. While the in person Flourish event originally scheduled in March 2020 in West Virginia continues to be postponed, we were able to hold an online event which is still available today on the WNAC website. Check out sessions by Becky Gwartney as well as an interview with Amanda Simmons and Victoria Little.

The dedication of the Women's Center in Bondoku, Africa was one of the last international travels made in 2020. Our state coordinator, Amy Johnson was blessed to be on the team there representing the ladies of the USA. It will be exciting to see all God does in the lives of women now and future generations to come with the ministry on this property.

The Treasure Bible Studies are now available in multiple languages free on the WNAC website. We are so excited how God has orchestrated this ministry to allow sisters in other parts of the world to read these studies in her own language. Check out the full magazine including downloadable pdf files and more at www.wnac.org. This is a great resource and will soon include a YWAC program for tweens & teens that will complement the regular Bible study. Thank you for your continued support of FWB Women's Ministries in Illinois and around the world.

Illinois State WAC Officers:

Amy Johnson, president	Vickie Hollis, field representative
Barbara Spencer, vice president	Audrey Kash, field representative
Janice Futrell, secretary	Brenda Fowler, field representative
Linda Cook, treasurer	Jane Harmon, assistant treasurer

ILLINOIS STATE FWB WOMEN ACTIVE FOR CHRIST TREASURER'S REPORT

MAY 1, 2019 - APRIL 30, 2020

CHECKBOOK BALANCE MAY 1, 2017\$ 903.98

RECEIPTS: State Meeting Offering.....	\$ 660.00
Provision Closet.....	370.00
WNAC General Fund.....	174.70
Emily Malone District.....	713.25
Loyal Workers District.....	776.65
Offering(Amanda Simmons).....	632.00
Voided Check 1273 (Retreat Fund).....	50.00

TOTAL RECEIPTS

\$ 3,376.60

BALANCE

\$ 4,280.58

DISBURSEMENTS:

Thomas Printing.....	\$ 40.00
Sarah Malone.....	400.00
Kellie Penn.....	200.00
Reuben Kohn.....	60.00
WNAC Provision Closet.....	370.00
WNAC General Fund.....	174.70
WNAC (Dues 94 Members).....	1,410.00

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS.....	\$ 3,286.70
ENDING BALANCE April 30, 2020.....	\$ 993.88
GENERAL FUND.....	462.91
FELLOWSHIP RETREAT.....	473.31
MEMORY SIS. ELLAMAE HILTIBIDAL.....	93.66

CHECKBOOK BALANCE APRIL 30, 2020 **\$ 993.88**

THE FOLLOWING IS A REPORT OF MONEY AND NON CASH GIFTS GIVEN TO NATIONAL, STATE AND LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS THAT WAS SENT DIRECT.

MISSIONS		WNAC GENERAL FUND	\$ 301.50
D. Teague	\$ 3,178.00		
S. Davison	100.00		
J. Lee	240.00		
T. Penn	240.00	Welch College	\$ 240.00
S. Malone	850.00		
R. Carney	325.00		
Simmons	600.00		
Gift Cards	30.00	Rescue FWB Church	\$ 325.00
 CAMP HOPE	 \$ 75.00	 Ava Hollis	 150.00
		Jacob Edgmon	150.00
		Cody Confer	100.00

Giving Tree 100.00
S-V Christmas 150.00

Provision Items, Gift Cards and Cash given at State Meeting in 2019 \$ 1,200.00

Sis. Amy Johnson presented a video from the National WAC Office and reported the the Fall Retreat would be September 24-25, 2021 with Diana Bryant being the featured speaker. A motion was then sustained to receive the report as information.

REPORT NO. 14
ILLINOIS FREE WILL BAPTIST
CAMP BOARD
Annual Report

January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020

I. YOUTH CAMP PROGRAM AT CAMP HOPE

1. Youth Camps were suspended in 2020 due to the threat of the Co-Vid 19 virus. (23)

MAINTENANCE AND IMPROVEMENTS TO THE FACILITY

1. Installed a new **Air Conditioning Unit** in the kitchen.
2. Built a new **Water Slide** in the back field with a high launch pad.
3. Continued work to renovate the **Gymnasium** including plumbing, inside finishing, and electrical.
4. Most Projects were put on hold in 2020 due to a lack of finances.

BUSINESS TRANSACTED BY THE CAMP BOARD

1. The Camp Board hired Jonathan & Destinee Payne as short-term **S.A.M.** workers.
2. The Camp Board **Received Special Gifts** totaling \$13,356 to offset expenses without camps.
3. The Camp Board set **Youth Camp Dates** for the **2021** Summer Season:

Leadership Camp - June 2-4	Junior-Senior Camp - June 6-11
Fresh-Soph Camp - June 12-18	Junior Camp - June 20-25
Primary Camp - June 27-July 1	Junior High Camp - July 4-9

4. The Camp Board approved a **Budget** for the 2021 calendar year:

PROJECTED RECEIPTS:

Cooperative Giving and Church Gifts	\$ 20,000.00
Gifts for the Building Projects	20,000.00
Rentals	30,000.00
Youth Camp 2021 Income	<u>40,000.00</u>
	+ \$ 110,000.00

PROJECTED DISBURSEMENTS:

Campground Utilities	\$ 20,000.00
Maintenance and Supplies	20,000.00
Youth Camp 2021 Expenses	30,000.00
Building Projects	26,000.00
Manager's Compensation	6,000.00
S.A.M. Scholarships	<u>8,000.00</u>
	- \$ 110,000.00

FREE WILL BAPTIST CAMP BOARD

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

CAMP BOARD FINANCIAL REPORT

January 1 to December 31, 2020

GENERAL FUND

Balance	1/1/20	\$ 5,051.05
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RECEIPTS:

State Association Co-op	\$ 10,593.57
Individual and Church Donations	17,202.00
Rentals	12,166.00
Southeastern Electric Capital Credit	359.84
Youth Camp Income	0.00
Interest on Account	<u>6.54</u>
Total Received	+ \$ 40,327.95

DISBURSEMENTS:

Campground Utilities	\$ 12,401.80
Maintenance and Supplies	5,984.76
Campground Improvement Fund (10% Regs & Rent)	1,216.60
Building Maintenance Fund (\$125/mo)	1,500.00
S.A.M. Workers	2,205.00
Youth Camp Expenses	0.00
Manager's Compensation	<u>5,700.00</u>
Total Disbursed	- \$ 29,008.16

BALANCE	12/31/20	<u>\$ 16,370.84</u>
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Building Maintenance Fund

Balance	1/1/20	\$ 1,717.95
Transfers from General Fund (\$125/mo)	\$ + 1500.00	
Interest on Account	+ <u>.93</u>	
Balance	12/31/20	<u>\$ 3,218.88</u>

Campground Improvement Fund

Balance	1/1/20	\$ 19,043.29
Transfer from General Fund (10% Camp Rentals)	+ \$ 1,216.60	
Interest on Account	+ <u>7.97</u>	
Sub-Total		\$ 20,267.86
Lappin Excavating (Digging Footings & Rock)	- \$ 2,800.00	
Dwyer Heating & A/C (New Kitchen A/C)	<u>2,200.00</u>	
Balance	12/31/20	<u>\$ 15,267.86</u>

Kitchen Cabinet Fund

Balance	1/1/20	\$ 5,725.83
Interest on Account	+ <u>2.88</u>	
Balance	12/31/20	<u>\$ 5,728.71</u>

Camper Scholarship Fund

Balance	1/1/20	\$ 917.36
Interest on Account	+ <u>0.46</u>	
Balance	12/31/20	<u>\$ 917.82</u>

A motion was sustained to receive the report and adopt the 2021 budget. The floor was then opened for nominations to fill the 2026 position on the board. A motion was sustained to cease nominations and proceed to elect Corey Penn to the 2026 position.

REPORT NO. 15
FINAL REPORT OF THE BUSINESS COMMITTEE

A motion was then sustained to remove from the table the items tabled on Thursday evening.

Item #1

We recommend the acceptance of the recommendation that was given by the Committee of Feasibility of Full Time Promotional Director:

The report of the Committee concerning the Feasibility of a Full-Time Promotional Secretary was received and a motion was sustained to recommend the report for consideration at the 2020 State Meeting.
To the Executive Board,

We the committee on promotional funds have met and have a recommendation to give to the executive board. We are in agreement that the funds in the promotional investment funds are insufficient for hiring a full time promotional person for the foreseeable future. We do see the need for the responsibilities of the position in the state and are in agreement that discussions on this position's job description and salary should be a priority of the executive board. We felt we had a focused responsibility to the board to simply give a recommendation as to what to do with the funds, whether to stay the course and keep them locked in promotional funds for future hiring or to release the funds for other ministerial needs. We did not fully research out and discuss the job description and salary aspects of this position, and therefore have no recommendations to make to that end. We simply attacked the task of what to do about the funds, to release them or stay the course.

We therefore recommend to the executive board that these funds be used as supplementary income for a part time promotional person acting with more responsibilities and likewise an income to match that which is currently being asked of by the executive board. We also recommend if there is no desire to pursue actionable acts towards this endeavor in 2020 that the funds then be released to other ministries as so directed by the executive board in 2021. The report of the Committee concerning the Feasibility of a Full-Time Promotional Secretary was received and a motion was sustained to recommend the report for consideration at the 2020 State Meeting.

A motion was sustained to amend the dates in Item one to be changed from 2020 to 2021 and from 2021 to 2022. A motion was sustained then to adopt the following recommendation was amended:

We therefore recommend to the executive board that these funds be used as supplementary income for a part time promotional person acting with more responsibilities and likewise an income to match that which is currently being asked of by the executive board. We also recommend if there is no desire to pursue actionable acts towards this endeavor in 2021 that the funds then be released to other ministries as so directed by the executive board in 2022.

We recommend the change to Article 1 Meeting Of Members
Item #2

We propose the following change in our By-Laws of Illinois State Association of Free
Will Baptists:

(page 13 of our Constitution and By-Laws)

ARTICLE I Meeting of Members

(Present Wording):

Section 1. Annual Meeting: The annual meeting of the members shall convene on the third Friday morning of the month of March in each year, for the purpose of electing officers and board members and for the transaction of such other business as may come before the meeting. If said elections are not held on the day designated herein for any annual meeting, or at any adjournment thereof, the election shall be held at a special meeting of the members called as soon thereafter as conveniently may be.

(New Wording):

Should necessity arise from war, or pestilence or any cause which prevents a regular meeting of the Illinois State Association, whether such a condition is of a local or general condition, then the Executive Board shall be privileged to call and act with full authority in all matters pertaining to the general welfare of the Illinois State Association, providing whatever transactions passed shall be by two-thirds vote of the members present, and providing that such transactions shall not conflict with the purpose and edicts of the constitution and by-laws of the Illinois State Association.

We could strike the italicized second sentence of Section 1, and replace it with the new sentence so that it would read:

Section 1. Annual Meeting: The annual meeting of the members shall convene on the third Friday morning of the month of March in each year, for the purpose of electing officers and board members and for the transaction of such other business as may come before the meeting. Should necessity arise from war, or pestilence or any cause which prevents a regular meeting of the Illinois State Association, whether such a condition is of a local or general condition, then the Executive Board shall be privileged to call and act with full authority in all matters pertaining to the general welfare of the Illinois State Association, providing whatever transactions passed shall be by two-thirds vote of the members present, and providing that such transactions shall not conflict with the purpose and edicts of the constitution and by-laws of the Illinois State Association.

We present this Constitutional change to the Executive Board and recommend it for consideration.

David Shores, Chairman

Larry Cook

Jason Janus

A motion was sustained to adopt the proposed constitutional change.

Item #3 We recommend the following honorariums:

Treasurer	\$950
Clerk	\$750
Moderator	\$500
Assistant Moderator	\$300
Assistant Clerk	\$400

Motion was sustained to adopt Item 3.

Item #4

We recommend the acceptance of the invitation from Calvary FWB in Salem to host the 2022 State Meeting.

Motion was sustained to accept the invitation.

Motion sustained to send Mark King as a delegate to the National Association.

REPORT NO. 16

FINAL REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The following names were placed in nomination for the respect position and the floor was opened for nominations. The body then voted on each position individually as follows:

Treasurer	Mike Johnston	Elected
Clerk	Larry Cook	Elected
Assistant clerk	Jason Janus	Elected
Assistant Moderator	Tyler Penn	Elected
Moderator	Curtis Smith	Elected.

The moderator then appointed the following to serve on:

2021-2022 Nomination Committee: Ross Bunton, Gowdy Cannon, Tommy Lewis

2022 Auditing Committee: Loren Taylor, Buffy Diefenbach, Cody Alstat

Motion was sustained to nominate David Shores to serve on the General Board of the National Association.

REPORT NO. 17

REPORT OF THE REGISTRATION COMMITTEE

There were 44 total attendees at this year's meeting with the following breakdown:

Standing delegates	31	Elected delegates	8	Visitors	5
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The moderator then declared a recess and Bro. David Shores closed in prayer.

FRIDAY EVENING BANQUET

The Hazel Dell Church hosted a banquet at Brews on Broadway, a local coffee shop with the moderator Bro. Curtis Smith speaking from Genesis 22 on Abraham and Isaac and the need for obedience.

The State then recognized Bro. Ivan Ryan who has retired from fulltime pastoring after almost 50 years of service most of which was in Illinois. Bro. David Shores gave a testimonial of his work for the Lord. Bro. Ivan followed this with a few remarks and recognition of how God had worked in his ministry.

FRIDAY EVENING BUSINESS SESSION

The Association reconvened at the Hazel Dell Church to conclude the business session of 2021. A motion was sustained to give the host church, Hazel Dell, an honorarium of \$800. This was followed by a time of prayer requests and then a motion was made to adjourn.

REPORT NO. 18 OBITUARY REPORT

Bro. Jason Janus then presented the report in a video that he had created presenting the following names in the report:

DECEASED

EAST CENTRAL

Rev. Howard Sinclair Flota- Mt. Vernon 1st
Robert Swain- Mt. Vernon 1st
Thelma Martin- Mt. Vernon 1st
Ralph Nunley- Mt. Vernon 1st
Ester Fleta Edwards- Mt. Vernon 1st
David Shurtz- Mt. Vernon 1st
James "Jim" Higgins- Mt. Vernon 1st
Donnie Loret Shurtz- Mt. Vernon 1st
Betty Lois Copple- Mt. Vernon 1st
Paul Wayne Hill- Blue Point
Melvin Spitzner- Blue Point
Robert E. Hilliard- Blue Point
Mike Maculevics- Blue Point
Wanda Marie Huffine- Calvary
William (Bill) D. DuBois- Pleasant View
Morris Smith- Pleasant View
Loretta Smith- Pleasant View

SOUTH CENTRAL

Betty King- Harmony
Jewel Smith- Harmony
Irma Stone- Harmony
Donnie Phillips- JCity Church

REND LAKE

Eula Richardson- Bakerville
Paula Gentry- Bakerville
William A. "Sonny" Bunton- Bear Point
Cecil Webb- Bear Point
Kent Pierce- Ina
Arlie Galloway- Hazel Dell
Virginia Mae Walters- Nason
Patsy "Pat" Pickett- New Hope
Frances Scott- New Hope
Erma Lee Conner- Rescue
Don Miller- Waltonville
Jerry Wilderman- Waltonville
Charles Beckham- Waltonville

NORTHERN ILLINOIS

METRO EAST

FOX RIVER

Diane Lundstrom- New Life

FRIDAY EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE

Bro. Caleb Miller led the congregation in singing "Unclouded Day and Jesus Paid It All). This was followed by Bro. John Hollis, who has been a Free Will Baptist for 68 years spent the last 40 years as pastor of the Crossroads FWB Church, brought the message from John 3:30 addressing the need for us as followers to decrease as our Lord increases. The meeting was dismissed in prayer.

