

MO-ARK DISTRICT OF FREE WILL BAPTIST

Minutes: January 16, 2016

The meeting of the MO-ARK District of Free Will Baptists was convened at the Cotton Creek FWB Church on Saturday, January 16, 2016

The Clerk called the meeting to order. He asked for prayer requests and then called on Bro. Johnny Holesapple to lead in an opening prayer. The Clerk then called for the piano player and song leader to come forward. The congregation sang "Palms of Victory" and "When the Roll is Called up Yonder" from the hymnal, led by the song leader.

A Clerk gave a short devotion titled "Do I Know You", using Luke 13:23-28 as the scripture reference.

The Moderator takes charge of the meeting and invites all visiting brothers and sisters to enjoy the conference.

The Moderator asks for the minutes of the previous meeting to be read by the Clerk. After the reading, the Moderator asked if there was any discussion of the minutes. Bro. Darrell Strain pointed out that the Executive committee doesn't have the authority to change the constitution as stated in the minutes. The Clerk agreed to strike the statement from the minutes. The Moderator then asked for a motion to approve the reading of the minutes. Motion was made, seconded and carried to accept the minutes.

The Moderator asks for the reading of the Church letters. Church letters were read by the Clerk as follows:

Bailey FWB church sent 2 delegates and \$50.00. Requested to host the May meeting.

Cotton Creek FWB church sent 3 delegates and \$50.00

Koshkonong FWB church sent 2 delegates and \$200.00

West Plains First FWB church sent 2 delegates and \$50.00

Lingo FWB church sent 3 delegates and \$50.00. Requested to host the May meeting.

Mt. Zion FWB church sent 3 delegates and \$60.00. Requested to host the May meeting.

Shiloh FWB church sent 3 delegates and \$25.00

Motion was made, seconded and carried to receive the church letters as read and seat the delegates with a word of prayer.

Refer Church request: none to refer

Election of speaker for the next meeting:

The floor was open to receive nominations for a speaker at the May meeting. Bro. Craig Hensley was nominated. Moderator gave sufficient time, and then called for a vote of the delegates. Bro. Craig Hensley was elected to speak at the May meeting by a vote of the body.

Filling of vacancies in offices and standing committees:

The Auditing Committee filled 2 vacancies. Bro. Danny Cline and Bro. Jeff Holman were asked to fill in for Bro. Tim Bowers and Bro. Brad Johnson.

Moderator called for Petitionary letters and corresponding messenger:

Bro. Stan Bunch was asked to speak. He said that he was in a meeting yesterday and today with the Cave Springs District Association, and it was good to travel around and visit. He said that Bro. Frank Webster sent a report that there were thousands coming to Christ in Brazil and Panama, and at their National Convention they had over 500 in attendance and were starting new churches. He mentioned that starting on Wednesday they will begin meeting with young pastors who will meet once a month on needs in the community and how to deal with problems in the church. He handed out a book titled "Autopsy of a Deceased church" to each church present as a gift from the State Association. He handed out cards listing important and special dates for various events going on in the state. He asked and encouraged everyone to attend whenever possible the events on the list. The State ended the year with the Co-Op up, and all giving was up except for National Missions. He also had excellent news to report; a gift of \$16,000 was given to the Youth Camp. He also stated that the Gem magazine would be a little late this month due to some difficulties in printing. He thanked all for their faithfulness and support, and to pray for those who don't have pastors and for those in need. Bro. Stan thanked the churches for all they do for the state in their giving.

Unfinished business was called for by the Moderator:

Committee reports:

Executive Committee report was read by the Clerk addressing the recommended changes to Articles 10 and 17 of the Standing Rules section of the Mo-Ark Association Constitution. Bro. Darryl Strain asked to postpone the decision for the changes until the next Association meeting in May. A motion was made, seconded and carried to postpone until the May meeting.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Treasurer's Report:

The Treasurer reported a beginning balance totaling \$2,405.44. After depositing the checks totaling \$485.00 from the churches received at this meeting, that will bring the balance to \$2,890.44. Motion was made, seconded and carried to accept the Treasurer's Report as given.

Setting the location of the January 2016 Meeting:

The Bailey FWB church, the Lingo FWB church and the Mt. Zion FWB church each requested to host the next District meeting in May. Each of the requests

were put to a vote. The Mt. Zion FWB church received the most votes, and a motion was made, seconded and carried for the Mt. Zion FWB church to host the next meeting to be held on Saturday, May 21, 2016, at 6 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Clerk read the Auditors Committee report. A motion was made, seconded and carried to accept the Auditors Committee report as given.

Bro. Darryl Strain asked for a motion and a second to thank the Cotton Creek FWB church for hosting the January meeting.

Conference has a short 10 minute recess.

WORSHIP SERVICE:

Meeting resumes with congregation singing "In the Sweet Forever"

Bro. Russell Hensley preached the message from John 5:1-7.

ADJOURNMENT:

The January 16, 2016 meeting of the Mo-Ark District of Free Will Baptists was adjourned in prayer led by Bro. Jim Kelly.

OFFICERS & STANDING COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Craig Hensley, Clifford Mitchener, Phil Vance, Scott Cline, Russell Hensley, Jim Kelly

CHURCH CLERKS PRESENT:

Wanda Melton
Brenda Newman

DEACONS PRESENT:

Lonnie Linson, Jim Kelly, Junior L. Brown

MINISTERS PRESENT:

Darrell Strain, Ron Blanks, Russell Hensley, Johnny Holesapple, Jim Kelly, Craig Hensley

MO-ARK DISTRICT OF FREE WILL BAPTIST

Minutes: May 21, 2016

The meeting of the MO-ARK District of Free Will Baptists was convened at the Mt. Zion FWB Church on Saturday, May 21, 2016

The Clerk called the meeting to order. He asked for prayer requests and then called on Bro. Ronnie Blanks to lead in an opening prayer. The Clerk then called for the piano player and song leader to come forward. The congregation sang "He Hideth My Soul" and "Whosoever Meaneth Me" from the hymnal, led by the song leader.

The Clerk gave a short devotion titled "Stepping outside your comfort zone", using Matthew 16:24 as the scripture reference.

The Moderator takes charge of the meeting and invites all visiting brothers and sisters to enjoy the conference.

The Moderator asks for the minutes of the previous meeting to be read by the Clerk. After the reading, the Moderator asked if there was any discussion of the minutes. Bro. Ronnie Blanks pointed out that the amount of money gifted to the Youth Camp wasn't \$16,000.00 as stated in the minutes, but was actually \$160,000.00. The correction was so noted, and the Moderator then asked for a motion to approve the reading of the minutes. Motion was made, seconded and carried to accept the minutes.

The Moderator asks for the reading of the Church letters. Church letters were read by the Clerk as follows:

Bailey FWB church sent 2 delegates and \$50.00. Requested to host the September meeting.

Cotton Creek FWB church sent 3 delegates and \$300.00

Koshkonong FWB church sent 2 delegates and \$50.00

West Plains First FWB church sent 3 delegates and \$50.00

Lingo FWB church sent 3 delegates and \$50.00

Mt. Zion FWB church sent 3 delegates and \$60.00

Shiloh FWB church sent 3 delegates and \$150.00

Motion was made, seconded and carried to receive the church letters as read and seat the delegates with a word of prayer.

Refer Church request: none to refer

Election of speaker for the next meeting:

The floor was open to receive nominations for a speaker at the September meeting. Bro. Craig Hensley was nominated. Moderator gave sufficient time,

and then called for a vote of the delegates. Bro. Craig Hensley was elected to speak at the September meeting by a vote of the body.

Filling of vacancies in offices and standing committees: none

Moderator called for Petitionary letters and corresponding messenger: none

Unfinished business was called for by the Moderator:

The Moderator asked the Clerk to read the recommended changes to Articles 10 and 17 of the Standing Rules section of the Mo-Ark Constitution, explaining that these recommended changes were postponed from the January meeting. The Clerk read the recommended changes. The Moderator asked if there was any questions or discussion regarding the recommended changes, and there were none. A motion was made, seconded and carried to accept the changes as read.

Committee reports: none

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Treasurer's Report:

The Treasurer reported a beginning balance of \$2,890.44. After depositing the checks totaling \$710.00 from the churches received at this meeting, that will bring the balance to \$3,600.44. Motion was made, seconded and carried to accept the Treasurer's Report as given. Bro. Darrell Strain asked for a motion to be made to issue a check payable to the State Association for all the churches in the Mo-Ark Association for the yearly dues. A motion was made, seconded and carried to have the Treasurer issue a check for \$1050.00.

Setting the location of the January 2016 Meeting:

The Bailey FWB church requested to host the next District meeting in September. A motion was made, seconded and carried for the Bailey FWB church to host the next meeting to be held on Saturday, September 17, 2016, at 6 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS:

Bro. Darrell Strain said that we need to elect delegates to the State Association Meeting which will be held in June. The Moderator asks if anyone would like to volunteer to represent the Mo-Ark Association as a delegate to the State Meeting. No one volunteered so a motion was made, seconded and carried to allow Bro. Ronnie Blanks to designate delegates to the State Meeting at his discretion.

The Moderator requested that a motion be made to elect Bro. Darrell Strain as a member of the General Board for the State Association. A motion was made, seconded and carried to elect Bro. Darrell Strain as General Board member.

Bro. Darrell Strain asked for a motion and a second to thank the Mt. Zion FWB church for hosting the May meeting. A motion was made, seconded and carried to thank the Mt. Zion church.

MO-ARK DISTRICT OF FREE WILL BAPTIST

Minutes: September 17, 2016

The meeting of the MO-ARK District of Free Will Baptists was convened at the Bailey FWB Church on Saturday, September 17, 2016

The Clerk called the meeting to order. He asked for prayer requests and then called on Bro. Johnny Holesapple Sr. to lead in an opening prayer. The Clerk then called for the piano player and song leader to come forward. The congregation sang "Praise Him! Praise Him" and "He Set Me Free" from the hymnal, led by the song leader.

The Clerk gave a short devotion titled "Why Natural Man thinks Spiritual truth is foolishness", using 1 Corinthians 2:10-14 as the scripture reference.

The Moderator takes charge of the meeting and invites all visiting brothers and sisters to enjoy the conference.

The Moderator asks for the minutes of the previous meeting to be read by the Clerk. After the reading, the Moderator asked if there was any discussion of the minutes; there was no discussion. Moderator then asked for a motion to approve the reading of the minutes. Motion was made, seconded and carried to accept the minutes as read.

The Moderator asks for the reading of the Church letters. Church letters were read by the Clerk as follows:

- Bailey FWB church sent 3 delegates and \$50.00.
- Cotton Creek FWB church sent 3 delegates and \$50.00
- Koshkonong FWB church sent 1 delegate and \$50.00
- West Plains First FWB church sent 3 delegates and \$50.00. Requested to host the January 2017 meeting.
- Lingo FWB church sent 2 delegates and \$50.00
- Mt. Zion FWB church sent 1 delegate and \$60.00
- Shiloh FWB church sent 3 delegates and \$25.00

Moderator asked for a motion to approve the reading of the Church Letters. Motion was made, seconded and carried to receive the church letters as read and seat the delegates with a word of prayer.

Refer Church request: none to refer

Election of speaker for the next meeting:

The floor was open to receive nominations for a speaker at the January 2017 meeting. Bro. Darrell Strain was nominated. Moderator gave sufficient time, and

then called for a vote of the delegates. Bro. Darrell Strain was elected to speak at the January 21, 2017 meeting by a vote of the body.

Filling of vacancies in offices and standing committees: none

Moderator called for Petitionary letters and corresponding messengers:

Bro. Stan Bunch came and gave a report. He stated that he had brought a few handouts; some brochures showing interesting facts about Missouri, and a few GEM Magazines. He said the we had a really good State meeting, and appreciated all the prayers from this association. He also indicated that the National association meeting was excellent too, and the seminars were great. He noted that the average National Convention generated between 4 to 5 million dollars for the community it is held in.

He sends greetings from Bro. Frank Webster. Bro. Frank reported that the church in Troy was averaging 40 to 50 in service attendance. The Cape Girardeau church had just this week set up a booth at the fair and had several handouts and good conversations with some of the fair attendees. He reported that the Osage Beach church will re-start around the 1st of October, and the Cabool church was re-started and had maxed out with 180 in attendance, which will require them to go to 2 services. Also, they were approached by another church and were given some property to begin a satellite church.

On the foreign missions front, he reported that Bro. Josh Provo, serving in Bulgaria, had taken his wife and children to the park and a journalist approached and wanted to do an interview. That interview became a testimony that went into the local paper and served as an opportunity to share the gospel.

Since January 1st, 3 churches in Missouri have closed their doors. He said they are working with several churches and pastors on how to address the problem of churches closing. He asked for us to please pray for wisdom as they work with the churches.

He reported that 58 came to Christ during the camp sessions, and that they have signed a contract for beginning the building of the pool which will be ready by the next camp session. He took note of the 4 people saved and 14 baptized in our association so far this year, and to give praise for what the Lord has done. He challenged us to pray and ask God to give us a fresh vision to reach lost folks. He gave a big thank-you to our association churches for their continued support.

Unfinished business was called for by the Moderator: none

Committee reports: none

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Treasurer's Report:

The Treasurer reported a beginning balance of \$3,600.44. After depositing the checks totaling \$335.00 from the churches received at this meeting, that will bring the balance to \$3,935.44. Motion was made, seconded and carried to accept the Treasurer's Report as given.

Setting the location of the January 2017 Meeting:

The West Plains First FWB church requested to host the next District meeting on January 2017. A motion was made, seconded and carried for the West Plains First FWB church to host the next meeting to be held on Saturday, January 21, 2017, at 6 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS:

Election of Officers:

The floor was opened for nominations to fill terms that are to expire for Officers and Standing Committee members.

- For the position of Moderator:
Bro. Russell Hensley was placed in nomination for the position of Moderator, and after sufficient time, was elected by the body as Moderator.
- For the position of Assistant Moderator:
Bro. Darrell Strain was placed in nomination for the position of Assistant Moderator, and after sufficient time, he was elected by the body as Assistant Moderator.
- For the position of Clerk:
Bro. Phil Vance was placed in nomination for the position of Clerk, and after sufficient time, he was elected by the body as Clerk.
- For the position of Treasurer:
Bro. Scott Cline was placed in nomination for the position of Treasurer, and after sufficient time, was elected by the body as Treasurer.
- For position of Assistant Treasurer:
Bro. Matthew Bowers was placed in nomination for the position of Assistant Treasurer, and after sufficient time, he was elected by the body as Assistant Treasurer.
- For the Auditing Committee:
Bro. Tim Bowers was placed in nomination to serve on the Auditing Committee, and after sufficient time, he was elected by the body, with his term to expire in 2019.
- For the Executive Committee:
Bro. Tommy Parrott was placed in nomination to serve on the Executive Committee, and after sufficient time, he was elected by the body, with his term to expire in 2020.
- For the Ordaining Credential Committee:

Bro. Ron Blanks was placed in nomination to serve on the Ordaining Credential Committee, and after sufficient time, he was elected by the body, with his term to expire in 2018.

Conference has a short 10 minute recess.

WORSHIP SERVICE:

Meeting resumes with congregation singing "Mansion over the Hilltop"

A special was sung by the song leader titled "Had it not Been"

Bro. Ron Blanks read a report from the Credentials Committee stating that the committee had met at the Bailey FWB church on June 12, 2016 for the purpose of ordaining Bro. Jim Kelley to the Gospel Ministry. The service opened with singing and prayer. The charge was given by Bro. Ron Blanks, and Bro. James Lee Reid preached the message. After the message, the ordained members present laid their hands on Bro. Jim, and the prayer of ordination was given by Bro. Craig Hensley. Motion was made, seconded and carried to accept the Credentials Committee Report as given.

The preaching service began with Bro. Craig Hensley bringing the message titled "Without Excuse" using Romans 1:16-20, John 1:9 and John 14:6 as the scripture reference.

ADJOURNMENT:

The September 17, 2016 meeting of the Mo-Ark District of Free Will Baptists was adjourned in prayer led by Bro. Johnny Holesapple Sr.

OFFICERS & STANDING COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Darrell Strain, Craig Hensley, Phil Vance, Matthew Bowers, Russell Hensley, Jim Kelly

CHURCH CLERKS PRESENT:

Brenda Newman

DEACONS PRESENT:

Dave Holman, Tommy Parrott, Junior L. Brown

MINISTERS PRESENT:

Darrell Strain, Ron Blanks, Russell Hensley, Jim Kelly, Craig Hensley, Johnny Holesapple Sr.