

## **MO-ARK DISTRICT OF FREE WILL BAPTIST**

Minutes: January 21, 2017

The meeting of the MO-ARK District of Free Will Baptists was convened at the West Plains First FWB Church on Saturday January 21, 2017

The Clerk called the meeting to order. He asked for prayer requests and then called on Bro. Craig Hensley to lead in an opening prayer. The Clerk then called for the piano player and song leader to come forward. The congregation sang "The Old Rugged Cross" and "Sweet, Sweet Spirit" from the hymnal, led by the song leader.

The Clerk gave a short devotion titled "Heart Exam", using 1 Timothy 1:5-7 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. The Treasurer, Bro. Scott Cline, pointed out that the balances noted in the minutes didn't match with his balances. Bro. Jim Kelly also indicated that his Ordination as a Minister was held at the Lingo FWB church, and not the Bailey FWB church as was stated in the minutes. A Motion was made by Bro. Darrell Strain to accept the minutes as read with the condition that the Auditing Committee do an audit of the Treasurer's books to find the discrepancy, and that the minutes should be changed to indicate that the Lingo FWB church was the location of Bro. Jim Kelly's ordination service as was correctly written in the Credentials Committee report. A 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.

Cotton Creek FWB church sent 2 delegates and \$50.00. They requested to host the May meeting.

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. They requested to host the May meeting.

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

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. Johnny Holesapple was nominated. Moderator gave sufficient time, and then called for a vote of the delegates. Bro. Johnny Holesapple was elected to speak at the May 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: none

Committee reports:

The clerk read a report from the Executive Committee stating that there was a vacancy on the Executive Committee that hadn't been filled during the September 2016 meeting. The Moderator opened the floor for nominations to fill the vacancy on the Executive Committee. Bro. Lonnie Linson was nominated to the Executive Committee, and after sufficient time, was elected by a vote of the body to serve on the Executive Committee with his term expiring in 2020.

## GENERAL BUSINESS:

Treasurer's Report:

The Treasurer's report was deferred until after the Auditing Committee completed its audit. Bro. Johnny Holesapple was asked to fill a vacancy on the Auditing Committee so they could complete the audit of the Treasurer's books. The audit concluded that there was an oversight to debit a \$1050.00 check written to the State Association for all the churches in the Mo-Ark Association for the yearly dues, and after correcting that oversight, the Treasurer's books were determined to be accurate. The Treasurer's report was read as follows: The balance as of the January meeting is \$2885.44. After depositing the checks totaling \$335.00 from the churches received at this meeting, the total balance will be \$3220.44. Motion was made, seconded and carried to accept the Treasurer's report.

Setting the location of the January 2016 Meeting:

The Lingo FWB church and the Cotton Creek FWB church requested to host the next District meeting in May. A vote was taken, and the Cotton Creek church was elected to host the May meeting. A motion was made, seconded and carried for the Cotton Creek FWB church to host the next meeting to be held on Saturday, May 20, 2017, at 6 p.m.

## NEW BUSINESS:

Bro. Darrell Strain gave a General Board report stating the all budgets had been approved at the State Association Meeting which was held in June. He also spoke about Pastor's retirement. Either the church or the Pastor can contribute to the Pastor's retirement account.



The Moderator asked for a motion and a second to thank the West Plains church for hosting the January meeting. A motion was made, seconded and carried to thank the West Plains church.

Conference has a short 10 minute recess.

#### WORSHIP SERVICE:

Meeting resumes with congregation singing "He Whisper's Sweet Peace to Me"

Bro. Darrell Strain preached the message, with his sermon titled "The Convicting Power of the Holy Spirit of God" using John 16:8-11, 2 Corinthians 2:15, 16 and Ephesians 5:13 as his scripture reference.

#### ADJOURNMENT:

The January 21, 2017 meeting of the Mo-Ark District of Free Will Baptists was adjourned in prayer led by Bro. Jim Kelly.

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#### OFFICERS & STANDING COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Darrell Strain, Craig Hensley, Tim Bowers, Phil Vance, Scott Cline, Russell Hensley, Jim Kelly, Brad Johnson

#### CHURCH CLERKS PRESENT:

Brenda Newman, Kari Bowers

#### DEACONS PRESENT:

Lonnie Linson, Dan Cline, Jim Walker

#### MINISTERS PRESENT:

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

## **MO-ARK DISTRICT OF FREE WILL BAPTIST**

Minutes: May 20, 2017

The meeting of the MO-ARK District of Free Will Baptists was convened at the Cotton Creek FWB Church on Saturday May 20, 2017

The Clerk called the meeting to order. He 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 "Redeemed" from the hymnal, led by the song leader.

The Clerk gave a short devotion titled "Life after the Grave", using Luke 16:19-22 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, and it was noted that a date needed corrected. A 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 1 delegate and \$150.00.

Cotton Creek FWB church sent 3 delegates and \$100.00.

Koshkonong FWB church sent 1 delegate and \$50.00

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

Lingo FWB church sent 1 delegate and \$50.00.

Mt. Zion FWB church sent 1 delegate and \$60.00

Shiloh FWB church sent no 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 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 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:

Bro. Stan Bunch gave a report from the State. He said that this year we had a great Sr. Adult retreat; good singing and good speaking. He said that the Sr. Adult board may decide to move the venue next year to Branson to try and prompt more Sr. Adults to attend. He stated that the North American Ministries was sponsoring a conference in Branson this year, and to go to the State Association website to register. He thanked Bro. Darrell for his involvement on the general board, and also thanked Bro. Ronnie for his help on the youth camp board and the Sr. Adult board. He said that the pool would be ready by the first camp session. He gave a report from Bro. Frank Webster, mentioning that Bro. David Belts in Osage Beach had organized a rescue squad to help in areas of disasters. Bro. David and his wife are very solid and have led over 40 mission trips. He said that there will be a church in Rolla starting, and the Cabool church is now self supporting and running upwards of 150 per service, and are reaching out to many folks who have substance abuse problems. And finally, he asked us to continue to pray for the lost, and challenged all of us to remember that everything we do must be for the glory of God.

Unfinished business was called for my the Moderator: none

Committee reports: none

#### GENERAL BUSINESS:

##### Treasurer's Report:

The Treasurer's report was read as follows: The balance as of the May meeting is \$3220.44. Bro. Darrell made a motion to authorize the treasurer to issue a check for \$1050.00 to the State Association. The motion was seconded and carried to issue the check. The treasurer said that after depositing the checks totaling \$610.00 from the churches received at this meeting, and subtracting the \$1050.00 check to the State, that the ending balance will be \$2780.44. Motion was made, seconded and carried to accept the Treasurer's report.

##### Setting the location of the September 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 16, 2017, at 6 p.m.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

##### Election of Delegates to State Association Meeting:

The Moderator asked for volunteers to serve as delegates at the June State Association meeting in Springfield. After sufficient time, he asked the body to recommend that Bro. Ronnie Blanks and also Bro. Darrell Strain serve as delegates, and to allow them to designate delegates to the State Meeting at their discretion.

A motion was made to place into nomination Bro. Darrell Strain to serve on the State General Board. The motion was seconded and a vote was taken to elect Bro. Darrell to serve on the State General Board.

The Moderator asked for a motion and a second to thank the Cotton Creek church for hosting the May meeting. A motion was made, seconded and carried to thank the Cotton Creek church.

Conference has a short 10 minute recess.

#### WORSHIP SERVICE:

Meeting resumes with congregation singing "Bring them In"

Bro. Johnny Holesapple Sr. preached the message, with his sermon titled "Trust + Confidence = Faith" using Psalm 118:1-8 as his scripture reference.

#### ADJOURNMENT:

The May 20, 2017 meeting of the Mo-Ark District of Free Will Baptists was adjourned in prayer led by Bro. Clifford Mitchener.

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#### OFFICERS & STANDING COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Darrell Strain, Cliff Mitchener, Phil Vance, Scott Cline, Russell Hensley, Jim Kelly,

#### CHURCH CLERKS PRESENT:

Wanda Metron

#### DEACONS PRESENT:

Junior Brown

#### MINISTERS PRESENT:

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



## MO-ARK DISTRICT OF FREE WILL BAPTIST

Minutes: September 16, 2017

The meeting of the MO-ARK District of Free Will Baptists was convened at the Bailey FWB Church on Saturday, September 16, 2017

The Clerk called the meeting to order. He then called on Bro. Scott Cline to lead in an opening prayer. The Clerk called for the piano player and song leader to come forward. The congregation sang "He Set Me Free" and "Just Over in The Glory Land" from the hymnal, led by the song leader.

The Clerk gave a short devotion titled "Silly Church Quarrels", using Proverbs 17:14 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 to waive the reading of the minutes of the May meeting due to everyone having a copy of the minutes. Bro. Darrell Strain made a motion to waive the reading of the May meeting minutes, the motion was seconded and carried to waive the reading of 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 1 delegate and \$50.00.

Cotton Creek FWB church sent 1 delegate and \$50.00.

Koshkonong FWB church sent 0 delegates and \$50.00.

West Plains First FWB church sent 3 delegates and \$50.00. They requested to host the next meeting in January 2018

Lingo FWB church sent 3 delegates and \$50.00.

Mt. Zion FWB church sent 1 delegate and \$60.00.

Shiloh FWB church sent 2 delegates and \$50.00.

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 January meeting. Bro. Ross Hicks was nominated. Moderator gave sufficient time, and then called for a vote of the delegates. Bro. Ross Hicks was elected to speak at the January 2018 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: none

Committee reports: none

#### GENERAL BUSINESS:

##### Treasurer's Report:

The Treasurer's report was read as follows: The balance after the May meeting was \$2780.44. After depositing the checks totaling \$335.00 from the churches received at this meeting, the ending balance will be \$3115.44. Motion was made, seconded and carried to accept the Treasurer's report.

##### Setting the location of the January Meeting:

The West Plains First FWB church requested to host the next District meeting in January. 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 20, 2018, 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. Brad Hensley 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 2020.

- For the Executive Committee:

Bro. Dan Caruthers 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 2022.

- For the Ordaining Credential Committee:

Bro. Craig Hensley 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 2020.

The Moderator asked for a motion and a second to thank the Biley FWBN church for hosting the September meeting. A motion was made, seconded and carried to thank the Bailey church.

Conference has a short 10 minute recess.

#### WORSHIP SERVICE:

Meeting resumes with congregation singing "Standing on the Promises"

Bro. Craig Hensley preached the message with his sermon titled "We're on a journey, and the Holy Spirit is our GPS" using John 6:7-11 as his scripture reference.

#### ADJOURNMENT:

The September meeting of the Mo-Ark District of Free Will Baptists was adjourned in prayer led by Bro. Ronnie Blanks.

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#### OFFICERS & STANDING COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Darrell Strain, Craig Hensley, Phil Vance, Scott Cline, Russell Hensley, Jim Kelly,

#### CHURCH CLERKS PRESENT:

Brendia Neuman, Donna Caruthers

#### DEACONS PRESENT:

Junior Brown, Dave Holman, Tommy Parrott

#### MINISTERS PRESENT:

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