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Thursday P M April 23^d

The Ely Board of the new G. M. of Free Baptist
met in special session at the home of Wm Fuller
near the Long Branch church in Johnson co
members present Rev John H Wolfe
Deacon A. A. Taylor Wm Fuller and W. G. Robbing
opened with prayer by Rev Wolfe

Motion and voted that the next yearly meeting be
held at the Grandview church that
being the only church requesting same -

Motion and voted that A. A. Taylor serve as yearly
meeting Auditor to fill vacancy caused by
resignation of George S Root

Pastor of Grandview

Motion and voted Rev B Haines serve as member of
Ely Board to fill vacancy caused by
resignation resignation of Bro Geo S Root

Motion and voted the following appropriations be
made from funds now in Treas
To Copp Memorial church in Adams \$50.00

and To Geneva church Fifty Dollars - \$50.00

and made to ... if condition of
Treas will permit later

Adjourned

Wm Fuller
clerk

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Grand View Church Aug 14th

The annual meeting of the Executive Board of the Nebraska Yearly meeting of Free Baptists was held in the Grand View Church with Robbins, Haines, and Wolfe Present - Taylor and Fuller Absent. Visitors were Bros. Myers, and Maxins of the Hastings J. M. and Bro John D. Abbey, Chairman of the Northern Kansas yearly meeting.

The Chairman's, Rev John D. Wolfe report was read and discussed and approved. The same is the following.

To the members of the State Executive Board^{3rd} Brethren of the Nebraska Yearly meeting, convened with the Grand View F. B Church Aug 12-14-1908

Christian greetings

Ten times have I made reports to this body. an unusual thing for one person.

I appreciate your forbearance in thus showing to your humble servant this trust and confidence.

This past year has been one of victory or defeat as each one of us buckled on the armor or refused to move forward as voted at our last yearly meeting.

Your Chairman would be recreant to duty were he to fail to give the facts as they are or as he may interpret them.

1st. We believe after this year of special campaigns for souls and the splendid way it paved for this last year, we should today have been able to have come and responded, "Yes, one soul saved for every member of our churches," thus rejoicing those around the Throne of God and adding 700 to our list for greater triumph for this coming year.

2nd. but somehow an element of distrust and a desire to manage their own evangelistic meetings took hold of our churches, or at least part of them, making it impossible to carry out the vote of last year. But the Board, anxious to do all in their power, called a special meeting voted that their request be granted and farther that we would.

your Pastor

So far as funds would allow, assist financially and otherwise to make the more a success for souls. But as we had feared very little was done.

- 3d. In some parts of our fields, the efforts to redouble our mission support have resulted in material gain, notably Grandviro, getting a goodly number "to pledge" one cent a day for Missions."
- 4th. Because of the failure to co-operate in Evangelistic work, Recommendation No 4 was unable to become a fact, viz: new fields entered. * revivals in every church. The doors are still open and calling for workers. What answer can we give the Lord?
- 5th. Two churches (as far as I know) carried out the Recommendation as to the motto to be placed in the front of the church with these inspiring words, "Nebraska For Christ. Every One Win One."
- 6th. Since our last annual meeting Lincoln church has passed out of activity and their vote to disband November 1st has become a sad reality. A large share of the members going to the Congregational church. A few still remain waiting for opportunity or opportune time to place their membership in other surrounding Free Baptist churches. Various deals have arisen for the disposal of the property but so far none of them have materialized. I have made a few extra trips to Lincoln in the interest of the property and have placed Mr and Mrs Harry J. Martin in the Personage as a safeguard to our insurance.
- 7th. Grandviro church has been well taken care of by Bro Haines, with Long Branch by Bro J D Fry, who came onto this field in March. The church being supplied most of the time from the departure of Sister Marks in October, by Bro. Branch and myself.

A few of our pastors have felt that they could not wait the prospects of a denominational union with the Baptists so have packed baggage and moved over into the Baptist camp. This has weakened our forces, scattered our flocks, and brought discouragement into our otherwise courageous churches. To rally our forces, man our churches, and bring back hope, are the problems we face today and must solve. The field is still here, good churches and parsonages, building opportunities untold, and we are able to go up and possess it.

December 1st saw Copp Memorial church of Adams pastorless, Bro Wolcott having gone over to the Baptist your chairman supplied as best he could. We have had two men on the field with hopes that one of them might remain as pastor. Mrs Wolfe is at present supplying this field hoping that we may be able soon to locate a pastor over this promising field.

Seneca church has nobly struggled, keeping up its Sunday School and hoping and praying and waiting for the coming pastor to lead them into larger fields of usefulness. The last six months Sister Marks has supplied Kenesaw but they are now seeking a permanent pastor as Sister Marks will go back into Evangelistic work.

Smithfield church is still pastorless. The northern churches have been cared for by Bros. Morrow-Parker, and Hayes. Bro Willisford, like Bro Wolcott has gone from us to work in the Baptist church.

8th. We have kept up a continual correspondence looking forward settling more pastors, and have spent some money besides in getting men to come, hoping to thus secure them for one or more of our vacant fields. Through the morning stars we have made appeals after appeal for the West thus trying to keep our denomination in touch with this great breathing place where "Expansion" is possible without
our Pass

injuring another denomination.

9th. Your chairman was able to secure an appropriation of \$200 for Nebraska and Kansas. \$100 has been paid. This was made for evangelistic work.

10th. Your chairman plead last year for release from the duties of this office, knowing his physical condition which meant less of visiting Quarterly Meetings, and churches in the interest of the work. This kind of work is the most valuable and most productive of results. He has realized very keenly the loss to the work because of this inability for personal oversight of the work. We hope ~~and~~ trust the same mistake may not again be made.

11th. The great need today is A Strong Pull a pull - Altogether for the churches and immortal souls; a more solid co-operation with each other in carrying out plans and work that belongs to us as a denomination; a more dependence upon God for our supply and less looking to our meager forces - thus faith and cooperation are the two great moving forces for the future.

May God's richest blessings rest upon you and may you prove faithful to the trust delivered to you, and may there be seen one solid front as you march forward against the enemy of souls.

John H. Wolfe

Chairman

By Board

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Recommendations

- 1st. That we pledge ourselves to one another and to God to a closer co-operation all along the line
- 2nd. That we will see that a Bible Study Class is started and carried on in every church, and that we as delegates will be responsible for this
- 3^d. That our Rally shall be, "O Lord Use Me!!!"
- 4th. That each church at their first business meeting after this session shall take such steps that shall unload their "Dead Weight" of membership on their Records, and make fresh reports of results to the Clerk of the Yearly meeting or to the Chairman of the Board on or before December 31st 1908.
- 5th. That where it seems impossible to support a pastor on one field, our churches join forces with some other church or churches in securing an itinerant service that each church may have regular services, the cause of Christ advanced and interest preserved.
- 6th. That September Special Day be for State Work and June for Educational, and that day the pastor or if no pastor then the Clerk present the field and its needs and calls, taking an offering and pledges both morning and evening as if the work had been placed in the hands of committees let them be up and doing.
- 7th. That we pledge \$1 per resident membership for State Work and just as far as possible this be collected and paid before Dec 31st 1908, so that the Board may be the better able to utilize the winter months in Evangelistic efforts.
- 8th. That these recommendations and such other records that may be of vital interest to all be printed in sufficient quantity to supply our churches for the coming Year's reminders (over Page)

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7th. That a Committee of two be elected by this Yearly Meeting and at this session to meetnd confer with a like Committee from the Northern Kansas Yearly Meeting, to take under consideration the conditions and needs of the two Yearly Meetings, and if possible formulate some plan of co-operation that shall look to the enlargement and strengthening of our work and fields. And that we as a Yearly Meeting and individuals of the same pledge our hearty co-operation and aid in whatever plan that may be devised.

or recommendations

All of the resolutions and report of Chairman was passed on by the members of the Board present. And also later by the Yearly Meeting excepting recommendation No 4 which was voted out.

Voted that our policy for the coming year, with the approval of the new Board, be to concentrate upon one or not more than two points on a financial way.

Our Treasurer, Bro W. Robbins, made a full report with Auditors approval showing our treasury in good shape to begin another year. Here-with is the Report.

Receipts for year from Aug 17-1907 to Aug 14 1908

Rec for	7 Miss	14 Miss	Ed	St Work	Total
Long Branch Ch	\$ 10.00	\$ 1.00	6.05	9.80	\$ 33.45
Copp. mission	1.15	-	-	12.75	13.90
Grandview	21.69	-	-	9.40	31.09
Long Valley	-	1.00	-	2.00	3.00
Summit	-	-	-	7.00	7.00
Gen Cim appropriation				62.50	62.50
Special coll for Del to Genl Conference				40.50	40.50
Totals \$	38.84	2.00	6.05	143.95	192.84
Cash on hand Aug 17-1907					170.76
Total					\$ 382.77

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		Expended	
Paid out	for	State work	\$ 204-21
"	"	Foreign missions	38.81
"	"	Home	<u>1.60</u>
		Totals	\$ 244.62

Total of Receipts	\$382.77
" Paid out	<u>244.62</u>

Cash on hand \$138.15

Signed W. A. Robbins
Treas of Ex Board

The auditor's report is as follows

Tecumseh Mich - Aug 6 - 1908

Your auditor has this day examined the books of treasures and found them to be correct

Signed J. J. Taylor
auditor

Reported by John H. Wolfe in the absence of the clerk
J. H. Fuller

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Saturday 10th M. Sep 5th

A Special call meeting of the new⁸⁴ Board of the Neb. Y. M. of F. Baptists met at the home of Dea A. A. Taylor in Tecumseh members present Taylor - Haines and Fuller Visitor J. H. Wolfe

Members absent Robbins and S. J. Weston

meeting called to order by clerk

Prayer by Rev Haines

Motion and voted unanimous Rev B. Haines serve as Chairman for the next year

The other officers as elected by vote are as follows
Mr Fuller clerk and W. A. Robbins Treasurer -

The Record dating from Aug 1st to 1907 - to April 23, 1908 read and approved by vote

Deacon A. A. Taylor was elected by vote to serve as Auditor

After quite an extended discussion in regard to the work in general - for the Neb. and North Kansas Y. Meetings - we would favor a Field Superintendent and so voted in favor of Rev John H. Wolfe to serve as such. The duties of his office are as follows

1st Not to take the place of the Chairman.

2nd To be the binding cord between the two Y. Ms.

3^d The larger work

1) To keep in touch with the Denomination at large.

2) Keep in correspondence with prospective preachers.

3) To prepare ~~such~~ helps for our pastors, such as are needed for the Special Days and especially State Day

4) To furnish our churches such matter as will keep them in touch with the Board's work and plans of the Denominational work

5) His work to be largely Office work, going out as occasion demands. With no salary except his actual expenses as approved by the State Boards to which he shall be amenable and under their direction.

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At the yearly meeting held at the Grandview church Aug 12-14 1908 your chairman after due consideration of existing conditions, his own health, and the pressing demand for a representative on the Board from the West or North and seeing no other way clear to satisfy and meet these demands, he felt it his duty for the greatest good to resign from the Board in which he has been a member and its chairman for Ten (10) consecutive years. The wisdom of the move has been self-evident, giving us a strong and hearty co-operation from all parts of the State.

I want to thank the Board individually for your fore-bearance and hearty co-operation during all of these trying years in which he has felt the sustaining influence and power of every man on this Board.

No greater blessing than the same treatment given him, could he ask for his successor.

Signed Your Brother
John H Wolfe
Tecumseh. Feb Sep 4th 1908

Motion and voted we adopt the policy of the old Board to concentrate upon one or not more than two points on a financial way - voted to assist the church at Geneva as far as the condition of the Treas would permit - the interests at Smithfield - Thompson - Adams and other was considered -

members of the new Board are as follows

Rev B Haines - Chairman	time expires	2 years
W A Robbins Elk Creek	Treas	3 "
Dea A A Taylor Tecumseh	Auditor	3 "
D D Norton Kimes	adv time expires	2 "
Wm H Miller Elk Creek	clerk	1 "

Adjourned by vote and Prayer by Rev Wolfe
William Miller

clerk
Ev Board