

The North East Missouri Association of Free Will Baptists Convened with Councilville Church Sept 7 to 10 1916. House called to order by Rev W. D. McFarland. Scripture lesson read and prayer.

Rev. C. E. Mann was elected moderator. Ministerial and Church reports called for and delegates seated. Committees appointed,

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| Culpit      | { | D. C. Hatfield.  | Location             | { | J. H. Adams.       | Business   | { | James Hardin     |
|             |   | Anderson Hughes. |                      |   | J. L. Corner.      |            |   | J. F. Duckworth. |
|             |   | Rebecca Young.   |                      |   | W. S. Lawson.      |            |   | D. C. Hatfield.  |
| Epituary    | { | Clara Duckworth. | Ministerial Standing | { | J. D. Fowler.      | Temperance | { | S. E. Capps.     |
|             |   | Chas. Bridgell.  |                      |   | J. M. Hardin.      |            |   | Celia Hatfield.  |
|             |   | W. L. McKinnis.  |                      |   | D. C. Hatfield.    |            |   | Mrs. Harris.     |
| Publication | { | W. D. McFarland. | Resolutions          | { | Cora Casey         |            |   |                  |
|             |   | Isabel Fowler.   |                      |   | Charles Hendricks. |            |   |                  |
|             |   | Cora Mann.       |                      |   | Ethel Haughton.    |            |   |                  |

11. A. M. Preaching by Rev. A. L. Dabbs & J. H. Shoof. Sub. Defiling the Temple.

Friday afternoon.

Lesson and Prayer. The following Committees made report. Epituary, Temperance, Publication, Culpit, Location and Business. Executive Board made report.

8. P. M. Preaching by Cora Mann & J. F. Duckworth. Sub. The Harvest and the Laborers.

Sat Morning.

Lesson and Prayer. Delegates elected to State Association. J. D. Fowler, S. E. Capps, D. H. Haughton and John Young.

Delegate to Co-operative Association at Pattersonburg J. F. Duckworth.

S. E. Capps was elected member of Executive Board. C. E. Mann resigned as member of Executive Board and J. F. Duckworth was elected to fill the vacancy.

11. A. M. Preaching by C. E. Mann and Chas. Phillips.

Sat Afternoon.

Revision of By Laws. Articles 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, remain unchanged. Article 10 amended by affixing the words "Except to ordain ministers." Article 11 was amended by affixing the clause "All ministers shall make written report to each annual session of the Association. Failure to report for one year deprives a minister of his or her standing in the Association, and failure to report for two years in succession shall be cause for his or her name to be dropped from the roll." Articles 12, 13, 14 were unchanged and article 15 was stricken out. Article 16 was unchanged and Article 17 was stricken out.

Voted to grant P. H. Vlach a certificate of Good standing for life time. Final report of all Committees.

Ordained ministers granted certificate of good standing for one year; W.D. McFarland, Chas. Phillips, C.E. Mann, Cora Mann, J.H. Shoop, and J.F. Duckworth. N.C. Robbins was granted license to preach for one year, 7:30 P.M. Preaching by C.E. Mann & W.D. McFarland, Sunday 10 A.M. Sermon by J.F. Duckworth & C.E. Mann, Sub. Go Forward, 2 P.M. Sermon by Cora Mann & Chas. Phillips, Sub. Home of the Soul, Followed by warm covenant meeting, 7:30 P.M. Sermon by C.E. Mann & J.F. Duckworth, Sub. The Bible, next session will be held with Union Church near Greentop Mo. Sept. 1917.  
By Laws.

- (1) This conference shall be known as The North East Missouri Association of Free Will Baptists, and shall be composed of the churches that are or may be connected therewith,
- (2) The Association shall convene each year on Thurs night at 7:30 P.M. on or before the first full moon in Sept,
- (3) Each church shall be entitled to one delegate for every 25 members or fractional part thereof,
- (4) All ordained and licenced ministers who are in good standing, and all deacons and church clerks shall be entitled to a seat in the Association by virtue of their office,
- (5) The officers of the Association shall be a moderator who shall hold office during the session of the association, a clerk who shall hold office until his successor is elected, and an Executive Board of five members who shall hold office for five years, one member being chosen each year,
- (6) The clerk shall keep a record of each session of the Association. In case of his or her absence, a clerk Pro Tem. shall be elected, who shall keep a record of each meeting and shall furnish a copy thereof to clerk who shall file them on his record,
- (7) The clerk shall open the association by reading from the Bible and prayer, or some one may be chosen by him, after which the clerk shall call the meeting to order and a moderator be elected,
- (8) Each session of the Association shall be opened and closed by prayer,
- (9) The Association shall have power to licence or ordain ministers, or to ~~expel~~ expel same on account of misconduct, to elect bodies to organize new churches, or to exclude churches on account of disorder, and to transact such business as may come before the association,
- (10) The Executive Board shall have power to transact business for the assn during the time intervening between the sessions of the Assn except to ordain ministers,

- (11) A certificate of standing shall be issued to all ministers who are in good standing in the assn and shall be good for one year unless revoked by an authorized council. All ministers shall make written report to each annual session of the assn. Failure to report for one year deprives a minister of his or her standing in the assn, and failure to report for two years in succession shall be cause for his or her name to be dropped from the roll.
- (12) Delegates from three churches shall be sufficient to constitute a quorum to transact business.
- (13) No one shall be permitted to speak more than three minutes on any one subject unless he receives permission from the Moderator.
- (14) All committees shall be appointed by the Moderator.
- (15) Everyone who is a candidate for ordination to the ministry shall carry a licence to preach the Gospel from the assn for at least two years before ordination, and the request for ordination must come from the church where they hold their membership or from some church where they are pastor.

D. H. Houghton Clerk.