

MINUTES

55th ANNUAL MEETING OF THE NORTHWEST ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

May 18-19, 2018
First Free Will Baptist Church, Salem, Oregon

FRIDAY NIGHT

Friday night opened at 7:00 pm by Pastor Terry Motte of the host church leading in a congregational song "Wonderful Grace of Jesus", followed by, welcoming everyone to the 55th Annual Northwest Association of Free Will Baptists and giving general announcements pertaining to this year's meeting. The meeting was turned over to the moderator Rev. Brent Nix, who called the meeting to order, by reading from I Corinthians 14:40, Let all things be done decently and in order. "Our God is a God who is orderly". The moderator shared from the floor that Rev. Travis Shuck's daughter, Anna Marie was involved in an attempted abduction and he then led the congregation in prayer for the Shuck family and the opening of the business portion of the meeting.

Business Meeting:

The meeting started with the moderator requesting that the clerk read a portion of the church letters from; Salem, Eugene, Oregon City; Sumner. At this time the respective delegates were identified. The letters were accepted and tabled pending the review by the Credentials Board, the moderator announced that the respective delegates and the voting body would be identified and seated during the business portion of the meeting Saturday morning. The clerk then read the minutes for the 54rd Annual Meeting, which; was tabled until the next day, at this time the moderator called for any corrections or changes to the minutes. Correction to the minutes; is that the general board member for Salem currently shows Keith Green and should actually be Bob Morgan.

The clerk/treasurer then read the Treasurer's Report and reports concerning the CELF. There was no motion pending the review of the books by the Finance Committee. The Moderator then opened the floor for any questions or comments from the body to address any corrections or observations so that the finance committee has a chance to address those with the treasurer while reviewing the books.

Announcement was made that the credential committee would meet tonight following the program.

The moderator appointed the following committees:

Finance

Sandy Smith *
Debra Motte

Nomination

Richard Traver *
Keith Green
Judi Schuster

Resolution

Kristina Nix *
Vern Golden
Rick Marquis

**Indicates committee chair.*

The host church handled registration.

Motion carried to suspend the business session. Bro. Justin Traver led in closing prayer.

Worship Hour:

Rev Motte of the host church led the congregation in singing, "Are you washed in the Blood" and "In My Heart There Sings a Melody".

Special Music: Rick Marquis of the host church performed "The Pearly White City".

Rev. Michael Criswell presented Rev. Brent Nix with a check for 25 years of service and then introduced him as the evening's speaker. At which time he then introduced the visitors from the national offices and missionaries to Missoula, MT. Rev Nix then shared his message from the passage; Matt 10:16-42 "Jesus has given his ambassadors fair warning to keep their;"

- Heads Up
- Chin Up
- Listen Up

Rev Terry Motte gave the closing announcements and dismissal prayer.

SATURDAY MORNING

The Saturday morning business session began at 9:30 am with Rev Terry Motte leading "When We All Get to Heaven". The Moderator Rev. Brent Nix called the business to order and welcomed everyone, Rev Darrell Smith opened in prayer.

REPORTS OF BOARDS AND COMMITTEES:

Credentials Committee

The Credentials Committee met Friday night (see notes listed below), reviewed the church letters, and recommended that the letters be accepted and the delegates be seated. The voting members were identified (Pastors and wives, Deacons and wives, officers of the NW Association, general board members, appointed delegates and clerks from each of the home churches). The next item on the agenda was the acceptance of the minutes presented Friday evening by the clerk for review. The Moderator entertained a motion to accept the minutes as read with the noted change to Salem's general board member. The motion was made by Michael Schuster and seconded by Michael Criswell the minutes were accepted as read.

The General Board report was presented as information (included).

The following key points were presented to the body:

- 1. Interest for loans to remain at 4%.*
- 2. The promotional director report from the convention*
- 3. Youth camp is cancelled this year.*
- 4. The promotional director change from Michael Criswell to Terry Motte.*
- 5. The northwest to become a premier partner with the National Center for Life and Liberty- (NCLL) David Gibbs.*
- 6. Oregon Trail Free Will Baptist Church to host the 2019 meeting.*
- 7. Rev Terry Motte made a motion that each of the member churches be presented with a \$5,000 grant. The motion seconded by Michael Criswell and accepted by the body.*
- 8. Rev. Brent Nix made a motion that the northwest present the Missoula, MT work with a donation of \$1500 to be sent to their account. The motion seconded by Michael Schuster and accepted by the body.*

Credentials Committee convening Friday evening after the worship service:

Present: Rev. Michael Criswell, promotional director; Rev. Terry Motte; Rev. Brent Nix, moderator; Rev. Darrell Smith, assistant moderator; Rev. Justin Traver

Absent: Rev. Carlos Calderon, Sr.; Rev. Travis Shuck

1. Bro. Criswell opened in prayer.
2. Bro. Nix introduced Revs. Clayton Hampton and Joshua Hampton (father and son) who are currently on itinerate with their families raising support for a new church plant in Missoula, MT as missionaries from FWB North American Ministries. They briefly spoke of their current support status and progress and their desire to join with the NWAFFWB after getting on the field and answered some general questions. The Hamptons then left the meeting.
3. The committee examined and considered all the church letters with their delegates and requests. Bro. Motte moved to recommend to the body that all letters; be accepted and all delegates seated. Bro. Criswell seconded. The motion carried unanimously.
4. The committee also recognized the request in the letter from Oregon Trail FWB church to host the 2019 annual meeting of the NWAFFWB and gratefully accepted their kind invitation. This to be reported to the body in the Saturday general business session.
5. The pastors began sharing brief reports of how the respective churches are doing. Bro. Criswell began but the committee was diverted into discussing some of the business that was to be considered in the General Board meeting the next day. Some of the matters discussed were the NWAFFWB approaches: to the Promotional Director's office; to a current grant request from the NW Trust Fund and potential future requests; to the proposed affiliation with the National Center for Life and Liberty; and some other miscellaneous items.
6. The credentials committee adjourned. Bro. Smith led in the closing prayer.

General Board Report:

Present: Rev. Carlos Calderon, Sr.; Rev. Michael Criswell, promotional director; Bro. Robert Morgan; Rev. Terry Motte; Bro. Jon Nickell; Rev. Brent Nix, moderator; Rev. Mark Ricca; Bro. Michael Schuster; Rev. Darrell Smith, asst. moderator; Rev. Justin Traver

Absent: Bro. Carlos Calderon, Jr.; Rev. Travis Shuck

1. Bro. Calderon opened in prayer.

2. The Board considered the interest rate for loans to member churches from the NWAFWB trust fund. After some discussion, Bro. Schuster moved to leave the rate at 4% to match what CELF is paying depositors. Bro. Calderon seconded. Motion carried unanimously. This to be reported to the body in the general business session.
3. Bro. Criswell gave a report on the 2017 FWB national convention in Louisville, KY. The task continues to be raising awareness, requesting prayer, and recruiting potential workers for the NW. Noting the Hamptons, we are starting to see some fruit from the efforts. The Board's consensus is to continue sponsoring the booth. Bro. Criswell also informed board members that there would be no youth camp in 2018.
4. The Board also discussed how to go about replacing Bro. Criswell as promotional director since he is resigning from the post and as pastor of Northside FWB effective July 2018. It was decided to continue the office of promotional director as being an appointment of the General Board. This eliminates the need for changing the NW constitution and allows for flexibility in case a change of personnel is required. In conjunction with this decision regarding the office of promotional director, Bro. Motte offered himself to serve in the position and the Board agreed and unanimously appointed him to serve in that capacity beginning August, 2018 after the FWB national convention. This to be reported to the body in the general business session.
5. The Board set the semi-annual meeting for Saturday, October 27, 2018 at 10 am at Oregon Trail FWB in Oregon City, Oregon.
6. The Board reviewed and affirmed its decision in the October semi-annual meeting to recommend to the body to become a premier partner with the National Center for Life and Liberty. Bro. Nix distributed copies of emails confirming that the NWAFWB may join for a yearly donation of \$1000.00 resulting in that status for each member church with the accompanying privileges and services.
7. Bro. Motte officially requested for a \$5000.00 grant from the NW Trust Fund to apply to parking lot maintenance which First Church, Salem had recently had done. Bro. Smith expressed that all the churches in the NW could probably use a grant. Discussion ensued, with various concerns expressed (e.g., slowly dwindling balance of the Fund; active and continuing participation of certain churches; the need of churches to sustain themselves); but also noting that the money should be used to help keep churches going in unusually tough times (e.g., some churches have experienced an inordinate number of deaths among members in recent months). Bro. Motte made a motion to recommend to the body that a \$5000.00 grant from the NW Trust Fund. Bro. Morgan seconded. The motion carried. This to be referred to the body in the general business session.
8. Bro. Nix proposed that the NWAFWB make a donation from the Trust Fund to the account of the Hampton church planting team going to Missoula, MT. After some brief discussion, \$1500.00 was chosen as the amount. Bro. Ricca moved the donation. Bro. Morgan seconded. The motion carried.
9. The Board then heard reports from the various churches with regard to status. In general, the churches are stable though aging, but having a good spirit and good fellowship. Some notable specifics:
 - 1) First Church, Salem, OR: Bro. Motte no longer bi-vocational but working only with the church at this time.
 - 2) New Hope, Sumner, WA: Sold the Kent property and now almost completely debt-free.
 - 3) Northside, Eugene, OR: Bro. Criswell is nearing retirement and the church has experienced many deaths very recently.
 - 4) Oregon Trail, Oregon City, OR: The church has also lost many members through death.
 - 5) Tri-Cities, Kennewick, WA: Having some growth, some new young ministers, looking for new Property or a new opportunity for a building.
 - 6) Mission One, Montesano, WA: Bro Shuck was not present due to an assault and foiled abduction attempt on his daughter, Anna Marie. At last contact, the work was proceeding in a positive direction.
10. The General Board adjourned. Bro. Schuster closed in prayer.

Finance Committee

1. Whereas, the Finance Committee, having examined the books from May 2017 to April 2018 for the Northwest Association of Free Will Baptist, found them to be in good order.
2. Be it resolved, the Finance Committee would like to commend Pepper Deen for her continued faithfulness to her ministry of serving as clerk/treasurer of the Northwest Association of Free Will Baptist.
3. We, the Finance Committee move that this report be accepted as read.

/s/ Sandy Smith
Debra Motte

Motion made by the committee seconded by Bob Morgan, and accepted by the body as read.

Resolution Committee

1. Whereas, we would like to thank First Free Will Baptist Church of Salem for their hospitality and hereby resolve that we give them a standing ovation of applause.
2. Be it resolved that we give the offering to the Hampton Team for the new mission work in Missoula, Montana.

3. Whereas, Rev. Michael Criswell has faithfully served the Lord for 35 years in Eugene, Oregon and whereas, he will be retiring this July, be it resolved that we present him with a gift of \$1000 for his service and, be it resolved that we give him a standing ovation of applause honoring him for his service.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Kristina Nix, chair
Vern Golden
Rick Marquis

The Resolution Committee report was received as motions to the body and acted upon item by item. Item #1 Acted upon by a standing ovation of the body. Item #2 Seconded by Michael Criswell and accepted by the body. Item #3 Seconded by Jon Nickell and accepted by the body with a standing ovation.

Nomination Committee

We the nominating committee recommend the following:

Moderator – Brent Nix

Ratify General Board members:

Sumner: Brent Nix & John Nickell

Eugene: Michael Criswell & Mark Ricca

Oregon City: Darrell Smith, Justin Traver & Mike Schuster

Tri-Cities: Cedric Calderon to replace Carlos Calderon Jr.

/s/ Richard Traver, Chair
Keith Green
Judi Schuster

Motion made and seconded by Michael Criswell to accept the recommendations as presented. The nomination for moderator was accepted by acclamation.

Report of Registration:

<u>Church</u>	<u>Friday Night</u>	<u>Saturday Morning</u>
Salem	12	13
Tri-Cities	0	4
Oregon City	8	8
Sumner	4	4
Eugene	1	4
Visitors	11	13
Total	36	46
Meeting Total:	82	

Old Business

No old business

New Business

No new business

General Information

We then heard from the representatives for the National Departments:

- Board of Retirement - Video
- Executive Offices – Ryan Lewis

- Welch College – Derek Altom
- International Missions – Don Matchett
- Free Will Baptist Foundation – Richard Davis
- North American Ministries – Ken Akers
- Montana Work – Clayton Hampton

Michael Criswell presented Terry Motte with a gift from the northwest for his 30 years of service.

Motion made to adjourn the business session by Jon Nickell and seconded by Mark Ricca, accepted by the body. Closing prayer by Clayton Hampton.

Current Officers:

Term Expires

Moderator: Rev. Brent Nix	2021
Assistant Moderator: Rev. Darrell Smith	2019
Clerk/Treasurer: Pepper Deen	2019

General Board Members:

Salem: Terry Motte, Bob Morgan	2020
Tri-Cities: Carlos Calderon Sr & Cedric Calderon	

Sumner: Brent Nix (Moderator) & Jon Nickell	2022
Eugene: Michael Criswell & Mark Ricca	
Oregon City: Darrell Smith (Asst. Moderator), Michael Schuster & Justin Traver	

Worship Hour:

Congregation singing was led by Terry Motte; “Just a Little Talk with Jesus”.

Special Music –

- Keith Green - sang; “Jesus and Me”.
- Justin Traver - sang “In Christ Alone”

Rev. Darrell Smith introduced the morning’s speaker Rev Michael Criswell. The message was from the text; Acts 27:18-21 “God said it; I believe it, that settles it. Most people are anchored to the wrong thing; we need to be anchored to the Lord.”

Rev. Brent Nix led offering prayer.

Special Offering was received in the amount of \$250.00

Closing announcements and closing prayer led by Rev. Terry Motte.

NORTHWEST ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

Treasurer's Report

May 2018 - April 2019

Balance Brought Forward May 1, 2018	81,985.38
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Receipts		
Individual Dues:		
Eugene	200.00	
Montesano	-	
Oregon City	200.00	
Salem	200.00	
Sumner	200.00	
Tri-Cities	200.00	
	1,000.00	
Offering:	250.00	
Payments from Salem LOC	6,500.00	
Payments from Tri-Cities LOC	500.00	
Payments from Oregon Trail Loan	800.00	
Payments from Oregon Trail LOC	400.00	
Payments from Eugene Loan	1,500.00	
Total Receipts:		10,950.00

Expenses:		
Mileage - Association/General Board Meeting:		
Michael Criswell	157.00	
Brent Nix	194.00	
Pepper Deen	184.00	
Michael Schuster	100.00	
Darrell Smith	100.00	
Carlos Calderon	258.00	
Justin Traver	102.00	
	1,095.00	
Brent Nix - Conference Exp Fund	1,500.00	
Terry Motte - 30 years service	1,000.00	
Brent Nix - 25 years service	750.00	
Michael Criswell - Retirement gift	1,000.00	
Executive Offices - National Dues	900.00	
Missoula MT - Offering proceeds	250.00	
Missoula MT - Gift	1,500.00	
Pepper Deen: Honorarium	200.00	
Brent Nix - Honorarium	100.00	
Brent Nix - 2019 Airline Ticket for Nationals	500.00	
Michael Criswell - promotion fund	3,000.00	
Salem - Convention food fund	600.00	
Tri-Cities - Line of Credit	10,000.00	
NCLL	1,000.00	
Gifts to Churches:		
Eugene	5,000.00	
Salem	5,000.00	
Sumner	5,000.00	
Oregon City	5,000.00	
Tri-City	5,000.00	
	25,000.00	
Total Expenses:		48,395.00

Balance April 30, 2019	44,540.38
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Northwest Trust Fund cont.

Certificate of Deposit - CELF Fund
Report date: December 31, 2016

Account #1060

Value of Certificate of Deposit:	\$ 205,062.91
Maturity Date:	Indefinite
Interest Rate: Accrued semi-annually	4.00%
YTD Interest Earned	\$7,962.84
Origination Date	1/12/1998

Status of Receivables

Outstanding from Oregon City Loan	18,633.84
Outstanding from Oregon City LOC Loan	6,579.18
Outstanding from Eugene Loan	30,559.07
Outstanding from Tri-Cities LOC	9,615.92
Outstanding for Salem LOC	<u>3,632.40</u>
Total Receivables	69,020.41

Oregon City Loan

Balance Brought Forward May 1, 2018	18,701.73
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Date	Payment	NSF Checks	Payment Principal	Interest	Acc'd Interest	Balance
May						18,701.73
May	800.00		737.66	62.34		17,964.07
June					59.88	18,023.95
July					60.08	18,084.03
August					60.28	18,144.31
September					60.48	18,204.79
October					60.68	18,265.47
November					60.88	18,326.36
December					61.09	18,387.45
January					61.29	18,448.74
February					61.50	18,510.23
March					61.70	18,571.93
April					61.91	18,633.84
Balance April 30, 2019	800.00	-	737.66	62.34	669.77	18,633.84

Annual Summary

Balance Brought Forward May 1, 2018	18,701.73
 Less Payments:	
Principal	737.66
Interest	62.34
	800.00
 Returned Checks:	
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Interest Accrued w/o Payment:	669.77
 Balance April 30, 2019	 18,633.84

Oregon City Line of Credit

Balance Brought Forward May 1, 2018	6,836.97
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Date	Payment	NSF Checks	Payment		Acc'd Interest	Balance
			Principal	Interest		
May						6,836.97
May	400.00		388.61	11.39	11.39	6,459.76
June			-		10.77	6,470.53
July			-		10.78	6,481.31
August			-		10.80	6,492.11
September			-		10.82	6,502.93
October			-		10.84	6,513.77
November			-		10.86	6,524.63
December			-		10.87	6,535.50
January			-		10.89	6,546.39
February			-		10.91	6,557.30
March			-		10.93	6,568.23
April			-		10.95	6,579.18
Balance April 30, 2019	400.00	-	388.61	11.39	130.82	6,579.18

Annual Summary

Balance Brought Forward May 1, 2018	6,836.97
Less Payments:	
Principal	388.61
Interest	11.39
	<u>400.00</u>
Returned Checks:	-
Interest Accrued w/o Payment:	<u>130.82</u>
Balance April 30, 2019	6,579.18

Salem Line of Credit

Balance Brought Forward May 1, 2018	10,033.36
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Date	Payment	NSF Checks	Payment Principal	Interest	Acc'd Interest	Balance
May						10,033.36
May	5,000.00		4,983.28	16.72		5,050.08
June			-		8.42	5,058.50
July			-		8.43	5,066.93
August	300.00		291.56	8.44		4,775.37
September	150.00		142.04	7.96		4,633.33
October	150.00		142.28	7.72		4,491.06
November	150.00		142.51	7.49		4,348.54
December	150.00		142.75	7.25		4,205.79
January	150.00		142.99	7.01		4,062.80
February	150.00		143.23	6.77		3,919.57
March	150.00		143.47	6.53		3,776.10
April	150.00		143.71	6.29		3,632.40
Balance April 30, 2019	6,500.00	-	6,417.81	82.19	16.85	3,632.40

Annual Summary

Balance Brought Forward May 1, 2018		10,033.36
Less Payments:		
	Principal	6,417.81
	Interest	82.19
		<u>6,500.00</u>
Returned Checks:		-
Interest Accrued w/o Payment:		<u>16.85</u>
Balance April 30, 2019		3,632.40

Eugene Loan

Balance Brought Forward May 1, 2018	30,831.77
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Date	Payment	NSF Checks	Payment		Acc'd Interest	Balance
			Principal	Interest		
May						30,831.77
May	150.00		47.23	102.77	-	30,784.54
June	150.00		47.38	102.62	-	30,737.16
July	150.00		47.54	102.46	-	30,689.61
August	150.00		47.70	102.30	-	30,641.91
September	-		-		102.14	30,744.05
October	150.00		47.52	102.48		30,696.53
November	150.00		47.68	102.32	-	30,648.86
December	150.00		47.84	102.16	-	30,601.02
January	-		-		102.00	30,703.02
February	300.00		197.66	102.34	-	30,505.36
March	-		-		101.68	30,607.05
April	150.00		47.98	102.02	-	30,559.07
Balance April 30, 2019	1,500.00	-	578.52	921.48	305.83	30,559.07

Annual Summary

Balance Brought Forward May 1, 2018	30,831.77
Less Payments:	
Principal	578.52
Interest	921.48
	1,500.00
Returned Checks:	-
Interest Accrued w/o Payment:	305.83
Balance April 30, 2019	30,559.07

Tri-Cities Line of Credit

Balance Brought Forward May 1, 2018

10,000.00

Date	Payment	NSF Checks	Payment Principal	Interest	Acc'd Interest	Balance
May						
May			-	-	-	
June			-	-	-	
July			-	-	-	
August			-	-	-	
September			-	-	-	10,000.00
October			-		16.67	10,016.67
November	100.00		83.31	16.69		9,933.36
December			-		16.56	9,949.92
January			-		16.58	9,966.50
February			-		16.61	9,983.11
March	300.00		283.36	16.64		9,699.75
April	100.00		83.83	16.17		9,615.92
Balance April 30, 2019	500.00	-	450.50	49.50	66.42	9,615.92

Annual Summary

Balance Brought Forward May 1, 2018

10,000.00

Less Payments:

Principal
Interest

450.50
49.50

500.00

450.50

Returned Checks:

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Interest Accrued w/o Payment:

66.42

Balance April 30, 2019

9,615.92