

**Pamlico Association of Free Will Baptists
Annual Meeting Minutes
May 11, 2024
Peace Chapel FWB Church**

Welcome, instructions and prayer by the host pastor Jeff Necessary.

The interim moderator recognized special guests that were at the meeting.

- Carl Miller – Harvest Children’s Home- **update on Harvest**
- Reuben Cason – NCFWB State Promotional Director-**update on the state**
- Any other special guests.
- **Larry-FWB Family Ministries**

Thanks – Thank you to Pastor Jeff Necessary and Peace Chapel FWB Church for hosting our 2024 Meeting and for the lunch you have prepared for us.

Meeting called to order

Seating of the delegates by Interim Moderator.

As ordained ministers and elected delegates representing your member churches you will be the ones who will be allowed to vote during the business session.

Prayer – Have them be seated.

Constitution Changes -

Last May, at our Executive Board meeting, we discussed the need for adding to our Association Constitution and By-Laws the newly added Pamlico Association Youth Board and their roles. We also discussed increasing the amount of yearly dues each church will pay each year.

the interim moderator went through the existing Constitution and By-Laws and have added these paragraphs where needed and also corrected a few typos. The Executive Board has read over these changes, and we presented them to you at the February Association Meeting.

The Executive Board made a motion that we table the acceptance of this updated Constitution and By-Laws until our Annual May meeting, giving churches the opportunity to read over them and see the new changes that are marked in red.

The reasons for increasing our yearly dues are as follows:

- Each church currently pays \$310 a year in dues. It is broken down as follows:
 - \$175 goes to the NAFWB which we are all members of.
 - \$35 goes to the NCFWB which we are all members of.
 - \$50 goes to help the NCFWB annual state meeting.
 - \$50 goes to the Pamlico Association.
 - Which equals \$310 which is our total current dues.

We would like to increase the dues each church pays to **\$400 per year**. It is my understanding that the NAFWB will be increasing its fee in 2025 and that the NCFWB will be increasing its fee in the near future as well.

Increasing our church's annual dues will allow for these future increases by the NAFWB and the NCFWB and also allow for our Pamlico Association to have funds to help with the association's youth activities as well as any other expenses we may have as an association.

During our break, you will have a moment to look over these if needed before we vote on them.

Future Meetings –Updated info available on table

Committee Meetings:

At this time, we need to elect some committee members to quickly meet and go over their reports before they are presented.

Finance Committee - Troy Bordeaux, Leonard Bowers, Greg Ramsey

Nominating Committee – Josh Butler, Michael Hill, Shawn Williams

Digest Committee – Joseph Hall, Danny Barrow, Daniel Dell

Committee Meetings & Break

Business Session Called Back Into Order

Finance Committee Report-

12 of 13 paid church

\$3340

\$3715.33 checking account

\$3490 to state in June

Do we have a motion to accept the finance committee report? Is there a second?

Do we have any discussion?

All in favor of accepting the finance committee report, say I. Any opposed?

MSC

Nominating Committee - Would our nominating committee please stand and give us their report.

Moderator- Darrren Walker

Assistant Moderator- Josh Butler

CLERK- Joseph Hall

Treasurer- Troy Bordeaux

Examining Board- Danny Barrow, Jeff Necessary, Shawn Williams

Youth Board- Tyler Jefferis, Daniel Dell, Josh Farley

Do we have any other nominations from the floor?

Do we have a recommendation to vote each officer individually or do we vote to receive them all in one slate?

MSC to vote on all at once

motion to accept these nominations by the nominating committee. Do we have a second?

Do we have any further discussion?

All in favor of accepting this slate of officers given to us by the nominating committee, please say I. Any opposed?

MSC to approve the nominees as recommended by nominating Committee

Digest Committee – Would our digest committee please stand and give us their report.

Reporting- 10 of 13

baptism- 21

Members added- 24

Ordained ministers-12

Do we have a motion to accept the digest committee report? Is there a second?

Do we have any discussion?

All in favor of accepting the Digest committee report, say I. Any opposed?

MSC

Pamlico Association Constitution and By-Laws Update – Back in February we made available the updates to the Pamlico Association Constitution and By-Laws. Included in this is the increase of dues from each church from \$260 to \$400 per

year to help cover increases from the national and state and to also help our association.

Do we have a motion to accept the changes to the Pamlico Association Constitution and By-Laws and dues increase? Do we have a second?

Do we have any discussion about any of this?

All in favor of accepting the changes to the Pamlico Association Constitution and By-Laws and dues increase, please say I. Any opposed?

MSC

Mt. Olive FWB Church – Last year, Mt. Olive FWB Church elected Pastor Chris Tipton to be their pastor. The church and pastor Tipton acquired about being ordained into the Pamlico Association.

Our Examining Board gave pastor Tipton the questionnaire to fill out and then interviewed him. This is the same they do will each pastor who is ordained into the Pamlico Association.

Upon this interview, it was found that pastor Tipton was not in agreement with some of the Free Will Baptist statements of faith and the Free Will Baptist Treatise. Because of this, the examining board was unable to accept him into the association.

A formal letter was sent to Mt. Olive on March 7, 2024, informing them of the reasoning for the decision that was made and also informed them that because of this, their church would be placed in “not good standing” with the association for one year and after a year, we would vote on whether or not to dismiss them from the association.

On April 3, 2024, the Pamlico Association Board received the following letter:

****Read Letter***

After receiving this letter, the executive board makes a motion to accept the letter from Mt. Olive Free Will Baptist Church and accept their withdrawal from the Pamlico Association. Do we have a second?

Is there any discussion?

All in favor of accepting the withdrawal of Mt. Olive Free Will Baptist Church from the Pamlico Association, please say I. Any opposed?

MSC

Adjourn - This is all the business that we have at this time, is there anyone who would like to make a motion to adjourn the business session and continue to our service time? A second is needed. All in favor of being adjourned, please say "I". All opposed, please say "no". (State whether it was carried or not.)

MSC to adjourn

Prayer - Leonard Bowers closed the business meeting in prayer.

Service to ordain Bro. Timothy Evans

Remind of next meeting date and location. (August 9 – Cedar Grove FWB in Williamston, Danny Barrow Pastor.)