

REND LAKE DISTRICT, JAN. 16, 2016

BEAR POINT FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

The Rend Lake District's Jan. 16th, 2016 meeting at Bear Point FWB Church convened with congregational singing led by Bro. Ralph Bunton. Bro. Larry Cook welcomed us with a devotion about the attributes a Christian can hold onto in times of trouble. The clerk called the 30th session of the body to order. Bro. Brad Ryan, moderator, recognized the standing delegates and visitors. The church delegates were seated. The minutes and treasurer's report were given and approved. Executive board member, Bro. Tom Harmon, stated that the Illinois State Association of Free Will Baptists will meet at Calvary Baptist Church in Salem in March. He stated that the Illinois Master's Men Disaster Relief workers helped in a Missouri flood clean-up. Camp Board chairman, Bro. Bryant Harris, asked us to pray for Bro. Jason Janus, Camp caretaker, and his family during Bro. Jason's wife's illness. Bro. Brad announced an upcoming Ignite the Flame meeting, and said that construction had begun on the new Welch College campus. Prayer by Bro. Brad dismissed us to the break.

Returning to business Bro. Bryant Harris, assistant moderator, called for the Credentials Committee's report.

1. We recommend Cards of Good Standing be issued to the following: John Capps, Bryant Harris, David Mishler, Larry Cook, Judson Phenicie, Walter Freeman, Brad Ryan, Jason Janus, David Milburn, Robert Jilek.
2. We recommend that when Craig Smith and Eric Drake turn in their reports that the clerk issue their cards.

The recommendations passed.

Credential's Committee recommends:

1. Honorarium of \$50.00 for Bro. Judson Phenicie and thank him for his work and ministry in Illinois over the past years.
2. Bro. Bob Drennen replace Bro. Judson on Business Committee.
3. The floor be opened to receive delegates for the State Meeting, Mar. 18-19 in Salem. The moderator to fill any remaining vacancies prior to the meeting.
4. A records retention period of 5 years for financial records and 3 years for other records after archival with the FWB Historical Commission.
5. A love gift of \$150.00 to the Janus family to help in this time of illness.
6. Next meeting April 16 at Hazel Dell.
7. Thank you to Bear Point for hospitality today.

Recommendations passed. Anne Sink, Brenda Fowler, Jane Harmon, Maxine Hicks and Ronda Rone volunteered to be delegates to the State Association. Meeting adjourned.

Following congregational singing, Matthew Crawford sang the Revelation Song. Bro. Judson preached on the Doctrine of Final Judgement and called an altar of prayer.

**MINUTES OF REND LAKE DISTRICT, APRIL 16, 2016
HAZEL DELL FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH**

The Rend Lake District's April 16, 2016 meeting at Hazel Dell FWB Church began with Bro. Jim LeVault, Hazel Dell deacon, reminding us to claim God's promises when faced with these chaotic times. The clerk called the 31st session of the body to order. The clerk reported on the church letters. Bro. Brad Ryan, moderator, recognized the 15 standing delegates, received the 18 elected delegates and welcomed our 11 visitors. The minutes were read and approved as was the treasurer's report. Bro. Ryan appointed Bro. John Capps to substitute for Bro. Larry Cook on the Business Committee for today. Bro. Bryant reported that camp season is upon us. He stated that the board has begun to raise money for a new bathroom for the girl's dorm and an addition on the caretaker's home. Bro. Tom Harmon, reported that Bro. Curtis Smith was elected moderator of the Illinois State Association at the state meeting. Bro. David Shores, promotional secretary, told us that the Gratitude Team from Cuba is hoping to go to Welch College and help with the construction of the new campus. Bro. Lazaro Riesgo spoke of his work with FWB International Missions. Bro. Brad dismissed us to break in prayer.

Returning to business the Business Committee recommended:

\$150.00 honorarium for today's speaker

Next meeting to meet at Ina Church on July 30th

All recommendations passed.

Credentials Committee recommendations:

Issue cards of good standing to Bro. Raymond Capps and Bro. Johnny Hollis

Direct clerk to send letter of good standing to the Southern Cumberland District in Tennessee stating that Bro. Judson Phoenicie was a member in good standing in our District

Both recommendations passed.

Bro. Ryan prayed in memory of those in our district who have died in this quarter.

Meeting adjourned.

Bro. Ted Thompson led us in singing followed by Bro. Gary Curry, Arkansas State Missions Director, speaking of the need for more Christians to work to spread the Gospel.

REND LAKE DISTRICT, JULY 30, 2016 INA FWB CHURCH

The 32nd meeting of the Rend Lake District opened with Bro. Brad Ryan, Ina Church pastor requesting special prayer requests from the congregation. He spoke to us from Col. 3 about our "being hidden" in Christ, then prayed for the above requests.

The clerk called the meeting to order. Bro. Brad Ryan, moderator, welcomed our 4 non-delegates and visitors, and seated the 14 standing and 18 church delegates. The church reports, minutes and treasurer's report were presented and accepted. Bro. Brad appointed Bro. John Capps to serve on the Credentials Committee today to replace absentee Bro. Larry Cook. Bro. Bryant Harris, camp board chairman, spoke of the need for support for the new bathrooms at camp and the caretaker's house renovation. Bro. Jason Janus, camp caretaker, thanked the body for their support of the camp and told of the camp being used most of the summer in our camps and in rentals. Bro. Brad blessed the food to be eaten on our break.

Following the break, Bro. Jamie Lee, church planter to Champagne, IL told us of how he wished us all to be part of his ministry.

Business resumed with the Business Committee report:

1. We recommend an honorarium of \$150.00 to Bro. Jamie Lee for speaking today.
2. We recommend the Oct. 15th district meeting be held at New Hope Church. The Nason Church will host the January 2017 meeting.

The recommendations were adopted.

There was no business for the Credentials Committee.

Bro. Bob Drennan offered a prayer for the families and churches of those deceased this quarter.

The meeting was adjourned.

The worship service began with the congregational singing. Bro. Jamie Lee spoke to us concerning being patient and what to do while "waiting on the Lord." Dismissal prayer by Bro. Brad.

REND LAKE DISTRICT, OCT. 15, 2016 NEW HOPE FWB CHURCH

The 33rd meeting of the Rend Lake District opened with Bro. Josh Capps, New Hope Church deacon welcoming us. The congregation sang "God is so good" followed by prayer by Bro. Tom Harmon. Bro. Brad Ryan spoke of Paul's love for the Thessalonians and his encouragement to them.

The clerk called the meeting to order. Bro. Brad Ryan, moderator, welcomed our 5 non-delegates and visitors, and seated the 11 standing and 16 church delegates. The church reports, minutes and treasurer's report were presented and accepted. Bro. Brad appointed Bro. Raymond Capps to serve on the Credentials Committee today to replace absentee Bro. David Mishler. He appointed Bro. Nathan Beaty to the Business Committee in place of Bro. Bob Drennan. Bro. Bryant Harris, camp board chairman, spoke of the need for support for the new bathrooms at camp and the caretaker's house renovation. \$28,000.00 has been received! Bro. Tom Harmon announced that the Ridge Church, built in 1819 and oldest standing FWB Church now belongs to the National Association. Then National Master's Men Disaster group is planning to help where the hurricane damaged some FWB churches. Bro. Nathan Beaty reported excellent attendance at the Master's Men Retreat at the Camp. They raised \$400.00 for the renovations. Bro. David Shores, Illinois Promotional Director, reported on the good adult camp meeting, next year's planning for that body, WNAC retreat and a coming leadership conference. Bro. Barry Simpson from the FWB Foundation spoke briefly about the Foundation's estate planning program. Bro. David Shores blessed the food to be eaten on our break.

Business resumed with the Business Committee report:

1. We recommend an honorarium of \$150.00 to Bro. Barry Simpson for speaking today.
2. We recommend postponing the election of the office of clerk until the Jan. 21st meeting at Nason.
3. We recommend, barring any other nominations, that we retain each of the current officers and committee members for the ensuing term. They are: Bro. Brad Ryan, moderator, assistant moderator, Bro. Bryant Harris, Credentials Comm. Bro. Bryant Harris (2019) Business Comm. Bro. Jim LeVault (2019) Executive Board Bro. Tom Harmon.

The recommendations were adopted.

The Credentials Committee recommended that we receive Bro. Larry Clyatt as a member in good standing in the Rend Lake District upon receipt of a letter of good standing from the Greater St. John's River Association in Florida. We request the clerk to contact this association.

Bro. Larry Cook offered a prayer for the families and churches of those deceased this quarter. Bro. Ryan thanked New Hope for their hospitality. Meeting adjourned.

Following congregational singing and music by Martha Payne, Rhonda McLearn and Kaitlyn Catron, Bro. Barry Simpson preached of the many duties of a pastor. He encouraged them to "never lose their hearts" when discouraged.