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ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Introductory Sermon.
 2. Called to order by Moderator.
 3. Letters called for and adopted.
 4. Right hand of fellowship.
 5. Electing officers.
 6. Reading Rules of Order.
 7. Petitionary letters.
- Invite visiting brethren to seats in council.
9. Appointment of committees.
 10. New Business.
 11. Report of Committees.
 12. Miscellaneous Business.

RULES OF ORDER

1. At every session business shall be opened and concluded by prayer by the Moderator or whomsoever he may request.

2. Those who speak shall rise and address the Moderator.

3. Personal reflections must be avoided in all debates.

4. Every motion made and seconded shall come under consideration of the body unless it be withdrawn by the maker, but no motion shall be discussed without being seconded.

5. When a motion has been made and seconded and a member opposes its discussion the Moderator shall put the question. Shall it be discussed? If negative, the question shall be dismissed.

6. Visiting members shall take part in debate and shall have all the privileges of other members except to vote.

7. If any proposition or motion under debate contains two or more points it shall be divided at the request of any member and a vote taken.

8. Motion made and lost shall not be recorded unless so ordered by the Association.

9. No one shall speak more than twice on the same subject without special leave of the Moderator.

10. All questions shall be decided by a majority of the members present.

11. No member shall absent himself from the Association without special leave of the Moderator.

12. In the future sessions of this Association arrangements must be made so as to insure two or more sermons (or other equivalent exercises) each day.

13. The rules of order shall be distinctly read from the chair immediately after the organization of the Association.

PROCEEDINGS

The Robberts-McGee Association of Free Will Baptit convened in its twenty seventh annual session with the Fair View church, on Thursday night before the First Sunday in Sepetember 1927.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

Session opened with song. Prayer led by Brother Shed. The body was called to order by Eld. J. C. Newby. He being in charge proceeded with the business.

Letters from the churches were called for and the following churches responded by letter: New Harmony, Fair Hill, Sugar Loaf, Little Boggy, Green Hill, Liberty Hill, Howe, Springg Hill, Kennedy, Plesant Valley, Tyro, Clear Lake.

Letters were read and approved and delegates seated.

OFFICERS ELECTED:—

Eld. J. C. Newby.....Assistant Moderator....

Eld. J. E. Yandell,..... Moderator

Jessie Lee Yandell, Clerk, Red Oak, Okla.

Grace Dighton. Asst Clerk. Red Oak, Okla.

Devotional Committee appointed as follows: G. L. Fields, J. A. Neely, J. H. Shipman.

Corresponding Messengers were called for; there were none. Visiting brethren were invited to seats in counsel.

Appointment of committees as follows:—

EILL OF ARRANGMENTS:—Eld. A. H. King, Eld. J. R. Stoughton, Jim McMullum.

SUNDAY SCHOOL:— Vinnie Midgiey, Haskel Dighton, George Coplan.

TEMPERANCE:—J. A. Jones, M. W. Willis, Eld. Clark Avery.

REQUEST:—Eld. W. B. Traywick, Eld. W. E. McMullin, Eld. Will Easton.

MINISTERS' AND DEACONS' CHARACTERS AND CREDENTIALS:—S. R. McAlvian, F. M. Gulleck, J. A. Neely. .

BOOK AND PERIODICALS:—Mrs. Amai King, J. D. Granton, Orvel Yandell.

OBITUARIES:—Mrs. Adams, Bro. Hood, Mrs. Conaway, Bro. Rash.

RESOLUTIONS:—J. C. Brock, Sister Conaway, Sister Adams, Bro. Coplan.

FINANCE:—S. R. McAlvain, Eld. Easton.

HOME MISSION:—Bro. A. H. King, Bro. J. R. Rash, Eld. Newby.

Adjourned until two o'clock p. m.

FRIDAY 11 O'CLOCK SERVICES

Introductory sermon preached by Eld. J. C. Newby. Lesson read from Amos the fourth chapter. Text:—"Will a man rob God." Mal. 3: 8. Concluded by J. H. King.

FRIDAY AFTER NOON SESSION

Opened with song. Prayer led by Bro. J. R. Rash.

Rules of order were read.

Unfinished business from last year was called for. There being a committee appointed in last year association to wait on Bro. J. M. King and the committee having given in their report that they could not restore him, therefore it was moved and seconded that the association withdraw from him and revoke his credentials. The motion carried. We admonish him as a brother that he may see the error of his way and turn to the Lord.

A letter from the associational clerk of last years (Sister Beulah Piercefield), was read. She reported Ten Dollar balance carried over from last year minute fund and the above amount accompanied the report, which was applied to the minute fund for this year.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Bill Of Arrangments:—We your committee on Bill of Arrangments, report as follows: Taking into consideration the surrounding cir-

cumstances, and seeing the necessity of a rule governing the ministry, therefore be it resolved, that the association forbids its ministers of the several districts of the asociation speaking disrespectfully of one another, and any one found guilty of suh conduct shall be liable to charges and dealt with as may be deemed necessary.

Be it resolved, that we recomend that our ministers do not vary from the regular custom of the Free Will Baptist in regard to receiving and dismissing members. We furthur advise that the moderators of the churches impress upon the churches the great necessity of observing all the rules of the association.

Be it further resolved, that any elder taking up evvangelestic work it shall be the duty of each church to assist him in the work, and this association shall empower the moderator and clerk with authority to furnish the evangelist with recommendations if he be found worthy.

Resolved, that we forbid the members of our churches from going to, or participating in play parties or dances, and any found guilty of such an offense shall be considered by that body as a stranger, as this evil causes many of our young people to forsake the right way and go off in sin.

Be it further resolved, that we forbid any of our ministers or members of our churches from preaching sanstification or holiness as a second work of grace, separate and apart from regeneration or conversion.

Be it resolved that every member of all our respective churches comprising the Roberts-McGee Association be requested to obey the commandments of God as recorded in 1 Cor. 16:2; 2Cor. 6:7; to lay in store as God has prospered them upon the first day of the week in their homes or churches, so as to be prepared to help the ministers in preaching the gospel and to help the widows and the worthy poor.

Resolved that each ordained minister should preach at least two sermons each month if not providentially hindered, and that we require every ordained minister to report each year to the association either by letter or in person.

Be it resolved, that every church that calls a minister to her pastoral care should administer to his support as God has prospered them.

Be it resolved, that our articles of faith stand as they are in our old printed minutes.

Be it resolved, that this association recommend that no church ordain a minister until he has proven himself worthy for a space of twelve months.

Be it resolved, that we ask the association to help us earnestly pray that the divine power of God help us to adopt a more firm basis of finance.

Be it resolved, that the pastor read the constitution and rulings of the association as often as once a year to the church.

Be it resolved, that this association forbids

any of its ministers or members tolerating the so-called doctrine of tongues, or unknown tongues, in any way. Any one found guilty of such shall be deemed guilty of heresy and shall be due acknowledgment or stand suspended from this body.

Signed:

A. H. King
J. R. Staughton
J. A. McCollum

MINISTERS' AND DEACONS' CHARACTERS AND CREDENTIALS:—We your committee on ministers' and deacons' characters and credentials beg leave to report as follows: We find our ministers all in good standing except Bro. J. M. King, who we find has been walking disorderly. We have the report of the committee appointed by the last association who talked with him about his disorderly conduct and the committee reported to us very unsatisfactory.

Signed..... J. A. Neely

L. R. McAlvaine

F. N. Gullek

A motion to adjourn until Saturday morning 8: 30. Motion carried.

Report of Devotional Committee as follows
Eld. J. C. Newby, Eld. Copland was billed to preach at 8 p. m. Praise services beginning at 7 p. m. and a great revival broke out. Eld. Copland just called for seekers to come forward and seek the Lord. There were three conver-

sions.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

Association met pursuant to adjournment. House called to order by the moderator. Singing, prayer by Bro. Jone

Called for any church letters, delegates, or visiting brethren. Manley gave a statement for Tyro church. His statement was received and he was seated as a delegate and Brother Harris from Arkansas Association was seated.

(COMMITTEE REPORTS CONTINUED)

Home Mission:—We, your committee on Home Mission, report as follows: In as much as we have a Home Mission board elected in our association, we also find that we have not done our duty under any considerations so far as the Home Mission work is concerned, therefore be it resolved, that we carry out the mission work as stated in our last year minutes, or dismiss the board.

Signed A. H. King
J. R. Rash
J. C. Newby

After this report the mission was discussed and carried. There was one hundred sixty dollars (\$160.00) pledged to the mission work and a new board was elected.

1. Eld. J. C. Newby Fanshaw, Okla.

2. Eld. Traywick Monrow, Okla.
3. Eld. Dawson.... Wister, Okla.
4. Eld. A. H. King Heavner, Okla.
5. Bro. J. R. Rash Fanshaw, Okla.
6. Bro. L. R. McAlvaine Wister, Okla.

Bro. L. R. McAlvaine was elected secretary and treasurer.

Adjourned nutil 2 p. m.

ELEVEN O'CLOCK SERVICES

The eleven O'Clock services oppened by singing, prayer by Bro. J. C. Vaughn, preaching by Elder Church, concluded by J. E. Yandell. Scripture lesson, Gal. 6: 8-10. Brother Church delivered a wonderful dsicourse.

SATURDAY EVENING SESSION

Association met persuant to adjournment at 2 p. m. House called to order by moderator. Song by clas, prayer by R. T. Shed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS CONTINUED

Sunday School:—We, your committee on Sunday School, beg leave to report as follows: In as much as our Sunday Schools are not as efficient as we would like for them to be, and since we see the great need of Sunday School work, and since the state board has elected a state superintendent, therefore, be it resolved, that we elect a superintendent and a secretary treasurer whose duties shall be to promote the Sunday School interest in this association; to organize new Sunday School work wherever necessary; and in a general way look after the

interest of the Sunday School and to co-operate with the state superintendent in the upbuilding of the Sunday School work.

Virnice Midget

Haskel Dighten

Geary Copland

The report was received and Brother J. R. Rash was elected as superintendent.

Resolutions:—We, your committe on resolutions, report as follows: Be it resolved, that we, as Free Will Baptist, practice what we preach and publish it to the world.

Be it resolved, that this association have the introductory sermon preached on Thursday night.

Be it resolved, that the resolution stand as it is in the minutes and this be aded to it.

J. C. Brock, Chairman

Query and Request: Beg leave to report as follows: That we recommend the Free Will Baptist Literature, published at Cushing, Okla. to be used in our Sunday Schools and that we send our minutes there for publication. We find that three churches requests the next association, Gren Hill, Sugarloaf, and New Harmony. We further request that each ministe contribute of his means to the support of the

gospel work.

Eld. W. M. Easton
Eld. W. B. Traywick
Eld. W. E. McMilin

Obituaries:—We your committee on obituaries beg to report as follows: We sorrow over the loss of our beloved brother N .F.Keith of Fair Hill church, Bro. Geo. Oliver of New Harmony church, Sister Finnie Qualls of Kennedy church and Sister Annie Dickson of Spring Hill church, who have gone to receive a crown of life. Rev 2:10.

J. R. Rash
J. G. Hood
sister Minnie Adams
Lela Conway

On Temperance:—We the committee on temperance—We do condemn strong drinks in all rescepts and do condemn baseball and picture shows. We condemn all amusements and we forbid any ministers partaking of any such.

J. A. Jones.
M. W. Willson
W. H. Cluck.

Books and Periodicals:—We your committee on Books and Periodicals report as follows: We recommend that the members of this association read the Bible as our only rule of faith and practice. (2) We recommend that every

deacon urge the church to which they belong to take the Free Will Baptist paper entitled The Mission World, published at Cushing, Oklahoma for we believe that everyone should read it.

(3) We recommend everyone that can send \$1.00 to Tecumseh College and get a History of the Bible for it is noble literature. (4). And above everything that is second to the Bible we recommend that every church composing this Roberts-McGee Association use the Free Will Baptist Sunday School literature published at Cushing, Okla.

Cleo Nichols,
C. M. Church,
J. W. Dosson.

Finance:—We your Committee on Finance beg to report as follows: We find that each church has paid in the following amounts for the printing of minutes:

Green Hill Church.....	\$ 2.00
New Harmony Church	2.80
Spring Hill Church	2.50
Pleasant Valley Church	1.25
Sugarloaf Church	1.25
Liberty Hill church	3.00
Fare Hill	4.00
Clear Lake Church	1.00
Tyro Church	1.00
Money in Treasury	\$10.00
Donation	.30

Total \$29.10

W. E. McMillin,

L. R. McAlvane,

Will Easton.

APPOINTMENTS FOR FIFTH SUNDAY MEETINGS

No. 1—Pleasant Valley Church.

No. 2—Spring Hill Church.

No. 3—Little Boggy Church.

No. 4—Far Hill Church.

Appointment of the Next Association:—

The session will convene with New Harmony Church at Harris, Oklahoma, 8 miles east of Red Oak, 6 miles west of Old Walls. Beginning on Thursday night before the first Sunday in September, 1928.

The introductory sermon on Thursday night by J. E. Yandell. Concluded by Elder Copeland.

Resolution of Thanks:—Whereas the good people of Fare Hill Church and the community have been so kind and considerate to the members of this association assembled here,

Therefore Be It Resolved, that we express our heartfelt thanks to them and pray that God may bless them abundantly.

The Association adjourned to meet at New Harmony Church on Thursday night before the first Sunday in September, 1928. They took the parting hand. There were many tears

shed and many shouts from them.

Saturday Night Service:—Prayer and praise service began at early candle light. Eighty testimonials were given in. Brother Copeland preached. Many came to the altar to seek the Lord and four or five were saved.

Sunday and Sunday night was great. They observed the communion and feet washing. Forty-three washed feet.

CONSTITUTION

PREAMBLE

From long experience, we the members of the Church of God (denominated Free Will Baptists) being regularly baptized upon a profession of our faith in Jesus Christ and being convinced of the necessity of a combination of churches, to perpetuate a union and communion among us and to preserve and maintain a correspondence with each other, do therefore adopt this constitution for our better associational government.

ARTICLE I. ORGANIZATION

Section 1. This Association shall be known and designated the McGee-Roberts Association of the Church of God (denominated Free Will Baptist) and composed of members chosen from the respective churches residing within its boundaries as hereinafter described not exceeding three members from each church whom on producing letters may be entitled to seats.

Section 2. The officers of this Association shall consist of a moderator, assistant moderator, clerk and treasurer to be chosen by the suffrage of members present. Other assistant officers may be appointed by the moderator when deemed necessary.

ARTICLE II. BOUNDARY

The boundary of this Association shall include all of Latimer and LeFlore counties, excepting that part of LeFlor county lying north of the Brazil and James Fork creek and south of the Winding Stair mountains

ARTICLE III. ADMISSION OF NEW CHURCHES

Section 1. Any new churches may be admitted into this Association who petition by letter and delegates if upon examination they are found orthodox and orderly, the moderator extending the right hand of fellowship.

Section 2. Letters from the differnt churches desiring representation in this Association shall express the number in fellowship, the number received since the last Association, by experience and baptism, letter of recommendation and restoration, the members dismissed by letter, excluded and those who have died, together with such other statistics and information as would be of interest to the association.

ARTICLE IV. POWER OF ASSOCIATION

This Association shall have no power to Lord it over God's heritage, nor any ecclesiastical power over the churches, but will withdraw from any church becoming disorderly.

ARTICLE V. REFERRED QUESTIONS

No question from any church shall come under the consideration of the Association unless it has been discussed in the church from which it was referred.

ARTICLE VI. DUTY OF OFFICERS

Section 1. It shall be the duty of the moderator to preside over the Association, preserve order, appoint all necessary committees and perform such other duties as usually belong to a presiding officer.

Section 2. It shall be the duty of the assistant moderator to aid and assist the moderator in the performance of his serveral duties and to pn-side over the body in the absence of the moderator.

Section 3. It shall be the duty of the clerk to keep a regular file of the minutes of the Association on a book to be kept by the Association for this purpose and to read the same when called upon by the Association.

Section 4. It shall be the duty of the treasurer to receive and receipt for all money due the Association and to pay out the same only by order of the moderator and clerk of the Association.

.. ARTICLE VII. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Section 1. The minutes shall be read and corrected if needed and signed by the moderator and clerk before the close of the Association.

Section 2. The Association shall endeavor to furnish the churches with minutes of the Association in proportion to the number of members in each church the distribution being at the discretion of the Association.

ARTICLE VIII. INTOXICANTS FORBIDDEN

It shall be distinctly understood that the use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage is expressly in violation of the Constitution and rules of this Association, and any church member violating the same shall be dealt with by the church of which he is a member and any minister being found guilty of the same shall first make acknowledgment to the church of which he is a member and must also make acknowledgment to the Association, or be expelled therefrom.

ARTICLE IX. AMENDMENT TO CONSTITUTION

This constitution may be amended when necessary by a majority of members present,

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. We believe in one true and living God, Son and Holy Spirit, and these three are one in divine essence, power and glory.—Rom. 1:20; St. John 1:1.

2. We believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testament are of divine origin and the only infallible rule of faith and practice.—II Tim. 3:16; II Peter 1:21.

3. We believe that God created man good and gave him holy commandments whereby he shall live holy; but man voluntarily disobeyed the commandments of God, transgressed the law and fell under the just condemnation of the same, and that man is unable to save himself with his own power; but we see Jesus for the suffering of death crowned with glory and honor that He by the grace of God tasted death for every man.—Gen. 1:31.

4. We believe that Christ, by His death and suffering and resurrection purchased our pardon and offers it freely upon the principal of repentance toward God and faith in our Lord Jesus Christ.—St. John 3:15; Acts 20:21.

5. We believe that adult persons must be regenerated or born again, if they inherit eternal life.—John 3:3, 5.

6. We believe that infants are in a saved condition, and we must be like them in innocency if we are ever saved.—Luke 18:16; Matt. 18:13.

7. We believe that all regenerated persons must persevere in faith and be faithful to the end if they gain an entrance into the City of God.—Rev. 22:14; Matt. 10:23.

8. We believe that baptism by immersion in water is the apostolic mode, even the burial of the believer in water, and Christ obeyed it thus, and bids us to follow Him.—John 3:22; Matt. 3:16; Rom. 6:3, 4. Matt. 28:19.

9. We believe that God in His goodness displays His power of grace in a greater degree in calling and qualifying His servants by the teaching of the Holy Spirit and by the instruction of His Word to go forth and proclaim life and salvation without price.—John 14:16; II Tim. 2:15.

10. We believe that remission of sins and eternal life are free to all who will accept them.—3:15; Peter 3:9.

11. We believe that baptism, the Lord's supper and washing the Saints' feet are divine ordinances and must be observed by the people of God.—Matt. 26:26, 28 and 28:19; John 13:4, 15.

12. We believe that none have a right to baptism only those who have obtained a living hope in the Lord Jesus Christ and none are authorized to officiate in the ordinances of baptism, only those who are called of God, and have been ordained by the laying on of hands.—Acts 8:37 first clause 38:30.

13. We believe that in dealing with disorderly members that reference should be had to the 8th chapter of Matt. and other scripture relative to dealing with disorderly members.

14. We believe that it is the duty of each church to assemble together as often as Providence will permit and in commemorating the Lord's death and washing the Saint's feet, a man should examine himself and so let him eat.—Heb. 10:25; 1 Cor. 11:28.

15. We believe that the Lord's Supper should be observed at night, and at night only.

16. We believe in the resurrection of the dead of both the just and the unjust. The resurrection of the just to everlasting life and glory and immortality in the presence of God; and the resurrection of the unjust to everlasting shame and banishment from the presents of God.—Matt. 25:31; I Cor. 15:42-45; II Thess. 1:7, 9.

Dear mā:

I will write you
a few lines. Hope
you are feeling better
by now. mā When
are you coming to see
us I sure want to
see you.

we are going to
church now.

Hurry up and come
to see us.

Write soon.

Love.

Sylvia Mae.