

MINUTES
OF THE
SECOND ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
TEXAS STATE
FREE WILL BAPTIST
SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

Proceedings

THURSDAY NIGHT, AUGUST 15, 1946

The State Sunday School Convention of the Free Will Baptist Churches met with the Trinity Free Will Baptist Church of Ft. Worth, Texas.

Services began Thursday night with singing led by Bro. C. B. Wier of Ft. Worth. Bro. J. B. Lovering, President of the Convention and Pastor of the First Church, opened the services and appointed Rev. Connor of Dallas to bring the Introductory Sermon Thursday night. Rev. Connor chose as his text the 2nd chapter of 2nd Thess., which was very ably brought and enjoyed by everyone present.

At this time Bro. Lovering appointed the committee on Divine Service, as follows: Bro. Earl Eagleton, Jr., Sisters C. B. Wier and Rubly Lee Lucas.

Motion made and adopted to meet Friday morning at 9:30.

We were dismissed with prayer by Bro. A. F. Ferguson.

FRIDAY MORNING, AUGUST 16, 1946

Services began with congregational singing led by Bro. Ferguson.

Prayer by Bro. Will Phillips of the New Salem Church.

Bro. Lovering brought the Devotional, reading the 1st Psalms.

Prayer—Bro. Lovering.

The letters from 10 churches were read.

Motion made and adopted to accept the letters and set the delegates and also to receive the delegates from other churches who do not have church letters. The right hand of fellowship was extended the delegates.

Motion made and adopted to read the proposed Constitution and By-Laws of the State Sunday School Convention. Rev. M. L. Sutton read the Constitution. Motion made and adopted to receive this report for adoption. Motion made and adopted to accept the Preamble as read. Motion made and adopted to accept Article 1 of the Constitution, which is the name of the Convention. Motion made and adopted to accept Article 2 by using the word purpose instead of object. Motion made and adopted to accept Article 3 of the Constitution as read. Motion made and adopted to accept Article 4 as read. Motion made and adopted to amend the above motion and leave out Denominational Enterprise Officer.

Motion made and adopted to have a five minute recess to prepare for the morning service.

Sister Pat Lucas brought the Devotional.

Bro. Clarence Herron preached at the 11:00 o'clock hour, taking his text from the 18th chapter of John.

In Article 5 a motion was made and adopted that the Executive Board should be composed of the President, Vice-President, and Secretary and Treasurer.

Motion made and adopted to accept Article 6 as read with the exception of a few minor changes.

Motion made and adopted to accept Article 7 as read.

Motion made and adopted to proceed with the election of officers.

Bro. Lovering was nominated for President. Motion made and adopted that nominations cease. Bro. Lovering was elected.

Motion made and adopted to elect Bro. Clarence Herron for Vice-President by acclamation.

Motion made and adopted to retain the present Secretary and Treasurer, Helen Lowery, for another year.

Motion made and adopted for the chair to appoint Directors for another year.

Motion made and adopted to accept the By-Laws as read with any necessary changes.

Motion made and adopted for the corrections to be made by the committee.

Mrs. Robinson of Comanche and Miss Jaunita Fitzpatrick of Ft. Worth were nominated for Assistant Secretary and Treasurer. Mrs. Robinson received 3 votes, Miss Fitzpatrick 9; thereby Miss Fitzpatrick was elected.

Motion made and adopted to use the six-point record system as a Standard of Excellence for the Sunday School.

Motion made and adopted to buy a banner to be presented to the Sunday School or District Convention with the highest record for the year.

Bro. Lovering appointed as Directors Rev. M. L. Sutton for Organization; Mrs. A. F. Ferguson for Literature; Mrs. A. F. Halbrook for Records and Reports; Mrs. B. B. Trant for Education; Mr. L. A. Norris for Publicity.

Motion made and adopted to accept the report of Sister M. L. Sutton for the work she has done.

Motion made and adopted for the Sunday School Convention to meet on Thursday night before the 1st Sunday in June, 1947.

An invitation was extended from the New Salem Church and the Trinity Church to meet with them in June. The Trinity Church receiving the majority of votes the convention will meet there.

Motion made and adopted for the chair to appoint a committee to draft a form letter. Revs. M. L. Sutton, R. E. Connor and J. O. Fort were appointed.

Motion made and adopted to extend a rising vote of thanks to the Trinity Church for their hospitality.

Motion made and adopted for Rev. A. F. Ferguson to bring the Introductory Sermon at the next meeting.

Sisters Verna Lucas, Barbara Collens and Kathleen Samen were appointed on the Program Committee.

Motion made and adopted to ask the State Association to permit us to have our minutes printed when they print theirs.

Motion made and adopted for the Secretary to buy the banner to be given as a reward for the highest record.

Motion made and adopted to adjourn until the next meeting in June, 1947.

Prayer by Bro. Lovering.

**CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF THE TEXAS STATE SUNDAY
SCHOOL CONVENTION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS
CONSTITUTION**

Preamble

Whereas, we, the Sunday School workers of the Free Will Baptist denomination in Texas, have caught the vision of dying souls who need the word of God taught them; have been inspired to a definite plan of work to labor together in unity and to coordinate our efforts for a more successful plan for teaching His word. Thus we resolve to keep the rules of the organization according to the following plan.

Article 1.—Name

This organization shall be known, as the Texas State Free Will Baptist Sunday School Convention.

Article 2—Purpose

Section 1. The purpose of this organization is the encouragement and promotion of efficient Sunday School management through the churches of the Free Will Baptist denomination of the State of Texas.

Section 2. Efficient Sunday School Management shall include a more definite objective, uniformity of system, a fraternal interchange of ideas and the bringing together of Christian workers to transact business to the glory of God.

Article 3—Standing Delegation

The standing delegation of this convention shall be the general officers of the convention, the presidents and secretaries of all local conventions, together with all Free Will Baptist ministers in good standing whether licensed or ordained.

Article 4—Officers

Section 1. The officers of this convention shall be a President, Vice-President, a Secretary-Treasurer to be one person, an Assistant Secretary, a Director of Organization, Director of Literature, Director of Records and Reports, Director of Education and Director of Publicity.

Section 2. All officers shall be elected at the beginning of each regular session of the convention and shall be installed by retiring officer or secretary.

Article 5—Boards

The Executive Board shall be composed of the President, Vice-President and Secretary-Treasurer.

Article 6—Meeting

This convention shall meet annually at a time and place selected by the convention while in regular session.

Article 7—Amendments

This constitution may be amended by a two-thirds majority vote of the members present at any regular meeting.