

MINUTES
OF THE
TEX-HOMA
FREE WILL BAPTIST
MINISTERS' CONFERENCE

When Held At
NEW HOME CHURCH
TULSA, OKLAHOMA
May 5-6, 1948

The next meeting will be held at the Children's
Home, Ringling, Okla. Nov. ~~4~~ 5 (Thursday night and
Friday.

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OFFICERS

Rev. M. L. Sutton President
Rev. Harry E. Staires Vice-President
Rev. B. T. Kirby Secretary-Treasurer
Rev. A. F. Ferguson Sec.-Treas. Pro-Tem

CREDENTIALS BOARD

Rev. W. V. Woods
Rev. Tiff Covington
Rev. Willard C. Day

Members 33

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SESSION

Opened with good singing led by Bro. Riddle.
Special music rendered by the First Church of Tulsa.

Other special numbers were rendered by ministers attending.

Rev. M. L. Sutton brought a wonderful message, using the text, "Where There Is No Vision The People Perish". Prov. 29:18.

THURSDAY MORNING SESSION

Opened by songs and prayer offered by Rev. Paul Purcell also Rev. Hattie Newman.

Meeting called to order by President, Rev. M. L. Sutton.

Rev. John H. West read a portion of the 14th chapter of Romans.

Reading of minutes called for.

Motion that the Chairman appoint a Program Committee.

They were:

Rev. Willard C. Day, Chairman, Rev. John H. West, and Rev. Hattie Newman.

President called for new members.

Fourteen came into the organization.

Motion that all officers and committees serve until the fall session.

Motion that the Credential Committee be used in the examination of new members.

The Lord gave the message of the hour, through Rev. E. A. O'Donnell, which was greatly enjoyed by all present.

Motion to adjourn for lunch.

THURSDAY EVENING SESSION

The body called to order by singing and prayer.

Special music was rendered at this time by a mixed quartet composed of Rev. E. A. O'Donnell, Rev. John H. West, Rev. Elda Crain, Rev. A. F. Ferguson.

Scripture reading 15th Psalm.

The President called for the business of evening.

The report of the Credential Committee called for

and accepted.

Motion that all visiting ministers be seated with all the privileges except that of voting.

Report of the Program Committee introduced by Rev. Willard C. Day.

The different phases of the work were discussed by the following:

The Bible School by Rev. Noah Tuttle.

The League by Rev. W. S. Mooneyham.

Home Missions by Rev. Harry E. Staires.

Foreign Missions by Rev. A. F. Ferguson.

Sunday School by Rev. M. L. Sutton.

A round table discussion on our National Program by Rev. John H. West, Bro. Riddle, Rev. J.-A. Franklin, Rev. R. G. Lane.

Motion that the next Ministers' Conference go to the Children's Home.

Motion that the time of meeting be changed to Thursday night and Friday.

Rev. A. F. Ferguson was elected to bring the introductory message. Rev. Paul Purcell as alternate.

Motion to adopt the Resolution Committee report.

Motion to adjourn.

Report of Resolution Committee

We recommend that this body give a rising vote of thanks to the host church for the hospitality and royal entertainment of this body.

BY-LAWS

Article 1

It shall be the duty of each member of this conference to familiarize himself with these By-Laws and strictly adhere to same.

Article 2

It shall be the duty of the Clerk of this Conference to ascertain if a quorum is present. If a quorum is present, the Clerk, Assistant Clerk, or if neither is present, the senior minister shall call the ministers into conference. The President or Vice President shall then take charge. If neither are present, the senior minister shall moderate until the arrival of the presiding officers.

Article 3

If for any reason the roll containing the names of the regular members of this conference should be absent or misplaced at the time of the opening session of this Conference, it shall be left to the honor of each minister present to declare his or her eligibility and standing in the Conference.

Article 4

No motion shall be sustained without a second.

Article 5

All members of this Conference shall obtain the floor by first addressing the chair, "Mr. President" or "Bro. President". No one shall be allowed to proceed further until properly recognized by the chairman. (Chairman shall respond by repeating the name of the speaker, or if the speaker's name is unknown, he may reply in the following manner: "Proceed", "Continue", or "You are at liberty".)

Article 6

Subject matter in all motions must be clearly stated before discussions are allowed to proceed. Motions containing two or more points shall be divided at the request of any member present.

Article 7

Ministers wishing to become members of this conference shall make application to the Membership Committee, giving full proof of their ministerial activities, each minister should be actively engaged in some religious enterprise before being admitted to this conference. (Aged, retired, and disabled excepted).

Article 8

Members wishing to absent themselves from the session shall obtain permission of the chair.

Article 9

A portion of the scripture shall be read at the opening of each session, followed by prayer. Sessions shall also close with prayer.

Article 10

Members shall not be allowed to speak more than twice on the same subject without special permission of the chair.

Article 11

Personal reflections shall be avoided at all times in public debate.

Article 12

These By-Laws may be altered or amended at any regular conference by a two-thirds majority vote of the regular members present.

CONSTITUTION

Article 1

This ministers' conference shall be called the "Tex-Homa Ministers' Conference". Its constituency shall be composed of all ministers, licensed and ordained, who are in good standing with their respective churches.

Article 2

Officers of this conference shall be composed of President, Vice-President, Clerk, Assistant Clerk, and Treasurer who shall be elected annually.

Article 3

This conference reserves the right to discipline its membership. All members of this conference should carry credentials of identification, endorsed by the President and Clerk.

Article 4

This conference shall meet semi-annually, place and date to be designated by the body in session.

Article 5

This Constitution may be amended at any regular session by a two-thirds majority vote of members present.

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