

MINUTES

Union Association – September 21, 1996 – at German FWB Church

The Union Association met at the German Free Will Baptist Church on September 19, 1996.

Rev. Allen Mabra called the semi-annual meeting to order. Rev. Sandy Shepherd led in prayer. Brother Scott Gaston led congregational songs "The Solid Rock" and "There is Power in the Blood".

Rev. Allen Mabra brought the opening devotional message entitled "Looking for the Wounded" with scripture reference to Psalm 147:2.

Recess for 15 minutes.

Bro. Scott Gaston sang special "The Next Time He Comes".

Home Missionary Rev. Bill Phillips to Salt Lake City, Utah, brought the morning message from Romans 10:13-14. Bro. Bill shared about his work in Salt Lake and asked for prayer about land and building. A day-care is planned in this ministry.

Bro. Jerel Brooks of Guymon closed the morning worship service with prayer and blessing for the noon meal.

After lunch Bro. Scott Gaston led the congregation in "Joy Unspeakable" and "Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus". Jeremiah Robinson sang a special song entitled "Christian Cowboy". Bro. Scott Gaston sang special "Thank You".

Rev. Bill Phillips spoke about the book he had written entitled "What About This Mr. Smith".

Moderator Rev. Charles Murphy asked Bro. Carroll Crispen to lead in prayer. Rev. Murphy called the business meeting to order and asked for the reading of the minutes of the last meeting. Minutes were read and approved.

Letters from the churches were read with 7 churches reporting and 17 delegates seated. Motion and second to seat the delegates and honor the request from the Pampa Church.

Bro. Allen Mabra gave the Financial Report and read the auditor's report. Allen Mabra made a motion to accept the financial report as read. Bro. Sandy Shepherd seconded the motion and it carried.

Bro. Allen Mabra gave the Executive Board Report. Bro. Sandy Shepherd explained the sale and amount of sale of the Weatherford Church.

The Executive Board recommended giving \$1,000 each to Bro. Bill Phillips and Bro. Earnest Holland. Motion made by Bro. Joe Watson to accept the recommendation. Second was given and motion carried.

Letter from the Pampa Church was read requesting the Association help in finding and paying a pastor for the church. The Executive Board met and agreed to help if the Pampa Church would agree to the conditions set forth. Representatives of the Pampa Church agreed to the conditions as set forth:

Board would have final approval of Pastor.

Church and Pastor will give monthly report to Executive Board.

Association will give \$1,500 month for 2 years and Pampa Church will give \$500 monthly and continue to add more as possible to bring the salary up to \$2,500 per month. After reaching \$2,500 as soon as possible the Pampa Church will begin taking over the \$1,500 per month the Association is giving to the Church.

The Pampa Church will change their Church Constitution and legal Deed to read that if the Church is disbanded all property and assets go to the Union Association of Free Will Baptists.

Bro. Evan Parker made a motion to accept the Executive Board's conditions and said motion was seconded by Bro. Jerel Brooks. Motion carried.

Bro. Sandy Shepherd made a motion to add in the legal papers of the Pampa Church that the Union Association will get the property if the church disbanded. Motion was seconded and carried.

The Executive Board recommended the Association give \$10,000 to Hillsdale to pay on the note that is likely to be assumed by the college and give \$15,000 to Hillsdale as a donation.

Bro. Kline made a motion to accept the recommendation and Sis. Diane Glance seconded the Motion. Rev. Sandy Shepherd called for previous question. After discussion the motion was called for and failed. It was agreed to discuss the motion further and after more understanding of the motion it carried.

Bro. Evan Parker gave the C.E. Board Report and asked that Bro. Clint Harrison be replaced on the Board because he is moving to Ardmore. Bro. Allen Mabra nominated Mary Yandell to the Board. Seconded and carried.

Bro. Evan Parker asked for any ideas for Youth Camp for next year.

Bro. Allen Mabra gave State Missions Board report.

Bro. Charles Murphy gave the State Executive Board report for Bro. Jack Richey, giving to the Co-Op plan was "Record Giving" this year. State Association meeting to be at Fountain Head Lodge in October.

Bro. Sandy Shepherd made a motion to move the annual meeting to September. Seconded by Steve Robinson and carried.

Next meeting will be at the Webb Free Will Baptist Church on March 15, 1997. Sis. Doris Shepherd made a motion to give the host church a standing vote of thanks. Said motion carried. Meeting was adjourned.