

MINUTES - HILLSDALE CONFERENCE - March 4, 2000

The Union Association of Free Will Baptists met in conjunction with the Hillsdale Conference at Woodward Free Will Baptist Church on March 4, 2000. The morning session was given to the Hillsdale New Life Ministry Team, who presented a concert of praise and worship through music and testimony. Lori Hale, daughter of Bob and Jeanne Hale, of Webb Free Will Baptist Church, was a member of the group. We praise God for her example, along with the rest of the team, of lives being led by Jesus.

Following the break, Rev. Bobby Thomas brought the morning's message from the book of Jude. Soon after the noon sirens were blown, the message was concluded, and the meeting was adjourned with prayer for lunch.

The afternoon session was called to order by Moderator Charlie Murphy with prayer. The minutes were approved as printed in the annual minutes book. The clerk read the letters from member churches. All seven were represented by letter and by delegates. Bro. Tom Smith of Pampa moved to seat the delegates. Motion carried.

Bobby Thomas thanked the association for their giving to Hillsdale and other causes.

Allen Mabra read the letter from the auditor approving the association's financial books. It also included a suggestion that individual churches send an itemized list to the treasurer with each check showing the breakdown of where the funds are to be distributed. This would provide a record of the wishes of the church, which would protect the association in the event any question was ever made of how the fund distributions were made. In light of this suggestion, the treasurer had made forms which were distributed to representatives of each church to use for this purpose. Bro. Mabra made a motion to approve the auditor's report and put into practice the suggestion immediately. Motion carried.

The Executive Board had no report to make. Bro. Jeremy Lightsey spoke for the Mission/Education Board. He reported that Youth Camp had to move its dates to June 19-23 because of a conflict at the campsite. He also requested that registration forms be turned in by June 1st to facilitate purchasing of supplies. Dennis Cariker is to be the camp evangelist.

Bro. Allen Mabra reported for the State Mission Board. The second annual Hillsdale benefit auction is to be held April 28th at the college. Allen and Belva Mabra are area representatives of this event, and may be contacted for further information, and will help to get donated auction items to Hillsdale. Donations are needed.

Allen also reported that he brought a professionally produced video, which explains the process of TSP, for each church to take home and show their members. He reported that TSP is close to having its Million dollar budget completely covered. All missionaries are in "black ink." He encouraged its continued growth in our churches.

Continuing his report, Bro. Mabra said that the mission board has purchased 28 acres of real estate for the Edmond church. Twenty acres are in the process of being sold. In the process, the 8 acres which the church will build upon should be free and clear of debt.

Belva Mabra gave the WNAC report. The district has offered to sponsor a CTS competition for the association youth at Woodward Free Will Baptist Church on April 8. She requested that individual churches let her know if they have interested youth.

Allen Mabra made a motion to give Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College \$1,000 in addition to offerings brought by individual churches and to give Bobby Thomas \$200. Motion carried.

Bro. Sandy Shepherd made a motion to give the host church a standing vote of thanks for the meal and hospitality. Motion carried.

Following announcements, the meeting was dismissed in prayer by Bro. Arthur Klein.

Respectfully submitted,

Belva Mabra, Clerk