

MINUTES

Hillsdale Conference: February 26, 2006

The Union Association met for the Hillsdale Conference at the Woodward Free Will Baptist Church on Sunday, February 26, 2006, at 4:00 p.m. The Woodward Church Pastor, Allen Mabra, welcomed everyone to the meeting and prayer was led by Bro. Charlie Murphy, Pastor of the Clinton FWB Church. Moderator Stacy Ross called for the Executive Board Report from Bro. Allen Mabra. He reported as follows:

WHEREAS, the Annual Meeting is in September and all information is read then and whereas the daylight hours are longer in September than February, the Executive Committee makes the following recommendations:

1. Names of the Church delegates be read from the Church letters and vote be made to seat the Church delegates and the standing delegates.

Church letters listed delegates as follows:

Antioch:	Nelda Crispin, Pauline Shepherd, Betty Shepherd
Clinton:	Leta Bell Rayner, Judy "Betty" Graybill and Darlene Smith
Enid:	None
German:	Clara Fawver
Guymon:	Red Chastine, Lavena Chastine and Naomi Rice
Woodward:	Jeannie Stephenson, Susan Parker and Joe Goodballet

[No letter was received from the Pampa Church]

Motion was made and seconded to seat these delegates and the delegates were asked to stand.

2. That the reading of the Church letters be deferred until the Annual meeting.

Motion was made, seconded and carried.

3. Minutes from the last meeting be distributed and corrections made, if needed, and approved.

Motion was made, seconded and carried to approve the minutes of the last meeting as distributed.

4. Financial report be distributed, corrections made, if needed, and approved.

Motion was made, seconded and carried to approve financial report as distributed.

5. To fulfill our obligation to the Hillsdale Chapel fund by adding from the General Fund the amount necessary to what has been collected from the churches to meet the \$5,000.00 commitment.

Motion was made, seconded and carried.

6. To congratulate Eryn Brooks from the Woodward Church for being selected to the National Youth Evangelistic Team and to give her \$150.00 from the Association for expenses.

Motion was made, seconded and carried.

7. That the Annual Meeting be held September 24, 2006, at 4:00 p.m. This is the 4th Sunday rather than the 3rd Sunday due to conflicts with other denominational functions.

Motion was made, seconded and carried.

Bro. Evan Parker gave the Christian Education Board report, stating that Church Camp will be June 25 – 29, 2006.

Sis. Susan Parker gave the WNAC report, stating that the District meeting will be the last Saturday in March at Clinton.

Bro. Earnest Harrison, Executive Secretary of the State Office gave a report as follows:

- (a) The Arms of Compassion program (formerly Oklahoma Children's & Family Ministries), is being led by Bro. John Hewitt and is doing well.
- (b) The State meeting will be in October at Hillsdale FWB College.
- (c) The Coop fund had its highest month ever. He urged all churches to continue giving and to sign up their Pastor for the Retirement Fund.
- (d) The Promoter which will be out in a week to 10 days will have a new look. He encouraged everyone to let them know what they think about it.

Bro. Jim Puckett, Missions Director, gave a report. He read a letter from a couple planning to go to Spain as missionaries who are not supported by TSP talking about their need to raise support and pointed out that missionaries from Oklahoma do not have that burden.

A video postcard from Steve and Lori Torrison, missionaries to Panama and members of the Union Association, currently in language school in Costa Rica, was shown.

The New Life Ministry Team from Hillsdale FWB College, consisting of Brittany Craft, Bethany Posner, Ryan Bilby and Mandie Holder blessed us with music and the message was delivered by Bro. Bob Thompson, taking his text from Genesis 32:24, a day of grace in the life of Jacob. Bro. Sandy Shepherd led in prayer following the reading of the text.

Following the message, a short video showing the Hillsdale campus and students was shown.

Bro. Allen Mabra invited everyone to the fellowship dinner following. Motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. Bro. Jeremy Lightsey dismissed the meeting in prayer.

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Missions Conference: September 24, 2006

The Union Association met for the Missions Conference at the Woodward Free Will Baptist Church on Sunday, September 24, 2006, at 4:00 p.m.

The meeting was opened by congregational singing of *Because He Lives*. Prayer was led by Brother Gary Stambaugh. The congregation then sang *Standing on the Promises*. Pastor Allen Mabra of the Woodward FWB Church welcomed everyone to the meeting.

A video postcard was shown from Steve and Lori Torrison, Missionaries to Panama.

Tim Elder sang a special.

The message was delivered by Brother Darrell Nichols, missionary to Panama. His text was from John 12: 1-10. He presented a short skit assisted by Alan Boles, Gary and Mary Stambaugh, Missy Elder, Belva Mabra, Red Chastain and Evan Parker.

The service was ended and food blessed by Brother Gene Hamilton.

After lunch the business session was opened by prayer led by Brother Jeremy Lightsey. Moderator Stacy Ross presided over the meeting.

Minutes of the previous meeting were distributed. Motion was made, seconded and carried to accept the minutes as given.

Letters from the various churches were read. Motion was made, seconded and carried to seat following delegates:

Antioch:	Pauline Shepherd and Nelda Crispin
Clinton:	Leta Bell Rayner, Nick Adkinson and Julie Adkinson
German:	Clara Fawver
Northridge:	Red Chastain, Lavena Chastain and Kelly Ross
Woodward:	Daniel Gaston, Jessica Gaston, Jill Lightsey

No letter was received from the Pampa Church and it was announced that the Enid Church is doing well and has jointed the First Oklahoma Association.

Brother Jim Puckett gave a report from TSP. He announced that Brother Brad Ransom will be the new director of TSP beginning in January and that several new missionaries will be coming on board.

The Treasurer's Report was read. Motion was made, seconded and carried to accept the report as read.

The Executive Board report was given. The following recommendations were made and motions were made, seconded and carried to approve said recommendations:

1. That \$3,000.00 plus whatever is received from the various churches be given to TSP.
2. That Alan Boles from the Northridge Church in Guymon be relicensed for one year.
3. That the association meetings continue to be on Sunday.

Brother Allen Mabra thanked Brother Jim Puckett for his service as TSP Director.

The following officers were elected for 2007:

3 year member of Missions and Education Board	Jane Gaston
5 year member of Missions and Education Board	Brian Johnson
Executive & Credentials Board Member	Charlie Murphy
General Board Member	Clarence Shepherd

Motion was made, seconded and carried to retain all other officers.

The following delegates were elected to the State meeting:

Antioch:	Pauline Shepherd
Clinton:	Leta Bell Rayner
Woodward:	Belva Mabra
Guymon:	Jill Lightsey
German:	Alan Boles

Susan Parker gave the WNAC report stating that an overnight retreat had been held and went well and that another meeting is being planned for March to be held in Guymon.

A standing vote of thanks was given to the host church. The next meeting will be held March 4th, being the Hillsdale Conference.

Motion was made, seconded and carried to adjourn the meeting. Brother Charlie Murphy led in prayer.