

M I N U T E S
OF THE
SECOND ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
WABASH VALLEY ASSOCIATION
OF
FREE WILL BAPTIST
IN
INDIANA

When Convened With
The Denham Free Will Baptist Church
Denham, Indiana

JUNE 9, 1962

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Randall Goble - - - - - Moderator
Charlie Bailey - - - - - Assistant Moderator
Richard R. Cordell - - - - - Clerk
David Schadek - - - - - Assistant Clerk

MINUTES

The Second Annual Session of the Wabash Valley Association met with the Denham Free Will Baptist Church, Denham, Indiana, on June 9, 1962. The Assistant Moderator, the Rev. Charlie Bailey, called the session to prayer, led by Bro. Sam Spradlin. Rev. Bailey proceeded in the opening service by reading Genesis 1:1-8.

Special singing was rendered by the Wabash Free Will Baptist Church and the Youth Choir of the host church.

The Moderator, Rev. Randall Goble, assumed the chair and recognized the District Women's Auxiliary Convention and the District League Association, and allowed them to be dismissed from the body to assume their business meetings.

The Moderator instructed the assembly regarding their voting and speaking privileges, and gave a brief talk admonishing all to build our State work for the glory of God.

The Association proceeded to do their business as follows.

Enrollment of Delegates:

1. From Conferences
2. From local churches

A letter was presented from the Kosciusko County Conference and read by the Clerk. Motion made and seconded to receive the letter as read. M. C. (Letter is recorded on Page 3.)

The Moderator read greetings from the Rev. Homer E. Willis, Director of the National Home Missions Board. Motion made and seconded to receive this letter and have it placed in the minutes. M. C. (Letter is recorded on Page 4.)

Motion made and seconded that the minutes of the 1961 session be read. M. C. Motion made, seconded and carried to accept them as read.

Motion made and seconded that the report be given by the Committee on the Constitution and By-Laws. M. C.

The proposed Constitution and By-Laws were read by the Clerk.

Motion made and seconded to adjourn for lunch, to meet back again at 1:30 p.m. M. C.

(Note: The 11:00 a.m. Worship Hour was omitted because of pressing business to be conducted.)

AFTERNOON

1:30 p.m. - The Association met back by being called together with singing and prayer by the Assistant Moderator, the Rev. Charlie Bailey. He also read Psalm 1.

The Moderator proceeded to conduct the business session into the further discussion of the proposed Constitution and By-Laws.

Motion made and seconded that the proposed Constitution and By-Laws be adopted as read. M. C. (Constitution and By-Laws recorded on Pages 5, 6, 7, and 8.)

Motion made and seconded that we prepare a letter to the National Association convening at Nashville, Tennessee, July 10-12, 1962. M. C.

Motion made and seconded that Bros. Lonnie Phillips, A. J. Looper, and Jobey Ledbetter serve as delegates to the National Association and that they be accompanied by the Rev. Richard Cordell, Promotional Secretary. M. C.

Motion made and seconded we send \$150.00 to cover expenses of our representatives to the National Association. Of this amount, \$100.00 is to be borrowed by the Promotional Secretary from the Kosciusko County Conference. M. C.

The Moderator called for reports from the following Committees:

Trustees--Motion made and seconded we receive report. M. C.

Sunday School Board--Motion made and seconded we receive report. M. C.

Business Committee--Motion made and seconded we receive report. M. C.

Resolution Committee--Motion made and seconded we receive report. M. C.

Finance Committee--Motion made and seconded we receive report. M. C.

Ways and Means Committee--Motion made and seconded we receive report. M. C.

(Note: The above Boards and Committees failed to submit written reports to the Clerk for this record.)

Motion made and seconded the convening date of the Wabash Valley Association be changed to be the third Saturday of June 1963. M. C. The District Women's Auxiliary Convention and the Wabash Valley League Association are to meet on Friday before this session at 10:00 a.m.

Moderator called for the election of officers for the coming year. Nominations were accepted and the votes taken, with the following elected to serve the next twelve months:

Moderator - Rev. Charlie Bailey
 Assistant Moderator - Rev. Roy Burkhardt
 Clerk - Rev. Richard R. Cordell
 Assistant Clerk - Bro. David Schadek

Motion made and seconded that all former members of Committees and Boards serve the next twelve months. M. C.

Motion made and seconded we meet with the First Free Will Baptist Church at Anderson, Indiana, the third Saturday in June 1963, with the League and Auxiliary meetings there on Friday. M. C.

All ministers, deacons, delegates, and visitors were encouraged to attend the sessions on Friday as well as Saturday.

Motion made and seconded we adjourn until the next regular session at 10:00 a.m. M. C.

REPORTS

The following is the statistical report given this Association by the Kosciusko County Conference; however, this report is not to be accepted as a full report due to the fact that many of our churches did not report the following statistics in full.

"From the Kosciusko County Conference of Free Will Baptist assembled in Conference at the Trinity Free Will Baptist Church in Indianapolis, Indiana, April 14th, 1962.

"To the Wabash Valley Association of Free Will Baptist convening at the Free Will Baptist Church at Denham, Indiana, June 8 & 9, 1962.

"We send as delegates our beloved brethren--Bro. Tinsley Rowe, Bro. J. A. Minix, Bro. Sam Spradlin, Bro. Smith Helton, and Bro. Lee Taylor, whom we pray you to receive to sit with you in your deliberations.

"STATE OF RELIGION - Good.

MEMBERS RECEIVED THIS YEAR - 225.

NO. BAPTIZED - No Report.

NO. DIED - 2.

CONDITION OF PRAYER MEETINGS - Good.

CONDITION OF SUNDAY SCHOOLS - Good.

AVERAGE NUMBER OF PUPILS - 718.

NO. OF OFFICERS - 10.

PAID PASTORS - \$4,131.85.

AMOUNT FOR HOME MISSIONS - \$879.50.

TOTAL MEMBERSHIP LADIES AUXILIARY - 74.

TOTAL LEAGUE ENROLLMENT - 166.

AMOUNT FOR BUILDING AND REPAIRS - \$13,333.44.

AMOUNT GIVEN TO ORPHANAGES - \$122.28.

AMOUNT SPENT FOR EDUCATION - \$600.00. FOR PUBLICATION - \$395.00.*

TOTAL VALUE OF ALL CHURCH PROPERTY THIS ASSOCIATION - \$170,500.00.

AMOUNT ENCLOSED FOR THE ASSOCIATION - \$25.00.

NO. DISMISSED - 110.

TOTAL MEMBERSHIP - 843.

NO. OF TEACHERS - 35.

PAID EVANGELIST - \$729.04.

FOREIGN MISSIONS - \$686.98.

* This figure is an estimate.

"Done by the Kosciusko County Conference at Indianapolis, Indiana, on April 14th, 1962.

Moderator: Rev. Richard Cordell

Clerk: Rev. Robert McCarty"

Below is a list of ordained ministers given this Association by the above Conference.

"Rev. Randall Goble	- 1438 Woodward Avenue, Springfield, Ohio
Rev. Thomas Wireman	- Orleans, Michigan
Rev. Charley Nelson	- Sheridan, Indiana
Rev. Claude Smith	- Columbia City, Indiana
Rev. Ray Turner	- Columbia City, Indiana
Rev. Dan Staggs	- Wabash, Indiana
Rev. Ernest McKinzie	- Marion, Ohio
Rev. Maymond Shields	- Roll, Indiana
Rev. Melvin Staggs	- Somerset, Indiana
Rev. Wm. O. Smith	- Marion, Indiana
Rev. Charlie Bailey	- 172 Falls Avenue, Wabash, Indiana
Rev. Chad Burkhardt	- Packerton, Indiana
Rev. Roy Burkhardt	- Denham, Indiana
Rev. Dallis Caudill	- North Manchester, Indiana
Rev. Jessie Conley	-
Rev. Joe M. Wireman	- Wapakoneta, Ohio
Rev. Leslie Wireman	- Lima, Ohio
Rev. Bill Smith	- R. R. #1, Pierceston, Indiana

"Rev. Vern Conley	- Marion, Indiana
Rev. Richard Cordell	- 3829 Haverhill Drive, Anderson, Indiana
Rev. Robert McCarty	- 1305 Vernon Street, Wabash, Indiana
Rev. Ruben Rose	- Packerton, Indiana
Rev. Dalton Heath	- Anderson, Indiana
Rev. Arnold Minix	- North Judson, Indiana
Rev. Buford L. Sissom	- Elkhart, Indiana
Rev. Allen Bunton	- Elkhart, Indiana
Rev. James Burket	- Alger, Ohio
Rev. John Payton	- 941 S. Senate Avenue, Indianapolis, Indiana
Rev. Edward Hargis	- 2227 West 25th Street, Anderson, Indiana

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The following is copy of a letter received from the National Home Missions Board and directed to be included in these minutes.

"June 5, 1962

"Rev. Randall Goble, Moderator
1438 Woodward Avenue
Springfield, Ohio

"Dear Brother Goble:

"On behalf of the entire missionary family in Alaska, Canada, Hawaii, Mexico, and through the continental United States--greetings!

"The Board of National Home Missions wishes to express thanks to each of your churches, ministers, and members for their prayers and gifts this past year.

"Your quota for 1962 was set at \$1,000.00 and to date you have given \$392.47.

"We need your support now more than ever in the past, and feel that Free Will Baptists of Indiana will continue to pray and give for the National Home Missions cause.

"We expect four new states to be brought into the National Association this year as a result of National Home Missions work. (Idaho, Colorado, Iowa, and Kansas.) Other new areas added recently are--Alaska, Washington, District of Columbia, Oregon, and Monterrey, N. L., Mexico.

"May this be a great session of your State Meeting.

Sincerely and earnestly,

(Signed) H. E. Willis

"P. S. Please urge your churches to:

1. Send their Vacation Bible School offering to National Home Missions.
2. Place this department of work in their church budgets.
3. Observe November as National Home Missions Month.
4. Receive a special offering on Sunday, November 18, which is National Home Missions Sunday.

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The following is a copy of the adopted Constitution and By-Laws.

RULES OF DECORUM

1. The Clerk, Assistant Clerk, or the Senior Minister in years may call the meeting to order and shall have charge until the Moderator assumes his place.
2. This Association shall be opened and closed with suitable devotions, providing a quorum of nine members are present.
3. This body shall decide all questions by majority of the members present.
4. There shall be no conversation by members, one with another, so as to interrupt business while in session.
5. Every person wishing to speak, shall first arise and address the Moderator, wait, then to be recognized before speaking.
6. No motion shall be discussed without a second.
7. No person shall interrupt another while he is speaking, except through parliamentary procedure.
8. All motions made and seconded shall be open for discussion, but debate may be shut off any time by the Moderator or a majority of the members present.
9. No one shall speak more than twice on the same subject without special leave from the Moderator and personal reflections shall be avoided.
10. No member shall be allowed to speak more than ten minutes at a time on the same subject, unless the Moderator gives permission.
11. No member shall absent himself from the body without the permission of the Moderator.
12. Unlawful absence from body denies a party voting privileges.
13. If any proposition or motion under debate contains two or more points, it may be divided at the request of any member and the vote taken separately.
14. Motions made and lost shall not be recorded in the Minutes unless so ordered at the time by the Moderator.
15. The Moderator shall have the same privilege to speak as any other member, provided the chair is filled.
16. By a two-thirds vote any decision of the Moderator may be over-ruled.
17. Visiting brethren shall be entitled to a seat and to discuss subjects by permission of the Moderator only.
18. It shall be the duty of the duly elected trustees of the Wabash Valley Association of Free Will Baptists in Indiana to maintain "watch-care" of all property, both real and personal, in the event any affiliated churches become inactive for a period of three (3) months. Upon reactivation of said church, the property, real and personal, shall be returned to the jurisdiction of the trustees of the said local church.

19. Alteration may be made in these rules at any regular meeting of the Association, by two-thirds vote of members present, provided proper announcement of this intention is given the body, at the first setting of this meeting.

CONSTITUTION

Article 1. This Association shall be called the Wabash Valley Association of Free Will Baptist of Indiana.

Article 2. This Association shall be a member of the National Association of Free Will Baptist and be governed by the Treatise of the Faith and Practices of the National Association.

Article 3. This Association shall be composed of delegates elected annually by the Free Will Baptist conferences and churches cooperating with this Association and their ordained Ministers and Deacons.

Article 4. The Officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk, Assistant Clerk, Treasurer, and Promotional Secretary.

Article 5. Each church shall be entitled to two delegates, and one additional delegate for every twenty-five members over fifty.

Article 6. The churches cooperating with this Association shall send, by the hands of their delegates, a full account of all work done by them during the year and all such statistics and information as will be interesting and helpful.

Article 7. This Association shall meet once a year at such time and place as may be agreed upon by the preceding session or by its Executive Board.

Article 8. The Executive Board shall consist of three members elected by the Association, one for one year, and one for two years, and one for three years. The Association Officials are members ex-officio of the Executive Board. The Executive Board shall have interim authority.

Article 9. The Association may withdraw from any church or conference that becomes disorderly or refuses to represent by letter or delegate within a given time.

Article 10. This Association shall encourage a sound ministry such as presents Christ as an all-sufficient Saviour, having salvation possible to every human being on the terms of the Gospel which is freely offered to all.

Article 11. This Association assumes no higher authority than an advisory council.

Article 12. This Association shall send delegates and letter to the National Association annually.

Article 13. This constitution may be amended at any annual meeting of the Association by a two-thirds vote of the delegates attending, providing that a notice of such change shall have been given during the first setting of said meeting after permanent organization.

RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE WABASH VALLEY ASSOCIATION

1. Associational Officers are to be elected by the standing vote system.

2. The Clerk is to be a standing officer as long as he maintains a proper qualification.

3. The Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Treasurer, and Assistant Clerk are to be elected at the close of the session to serve the coming year.

4. The Ordaining Council is to be selected by each respective conference in this Association. The Council is to have interim authority to ordain ministers and has charge of the investigation of ministers. They shall report their work annually to the Association. The Secretary of the Council is to send the report of their work to the Clerk of the Association not later than one week before the Association convenes.

5. The Executive Board is to make an annual report to the Association.

6. The Treatise of the Faith and Practices of the National Association of Free Will Baptist is to be used.

7. The Body sponsors the following denomination activities: The Cooperative Plan of Support as outlined by the National Association, The Women's Auxiliary Convention, The Free Will Baptist League Convention, The Master's Men Convention, and the Free Will Baptist Bible College. (Note: The Cooperative Plan of Support includes in its support the Free Will Baptist Bible College, the Free Will Baptist Foreign Missions, the Free Will Baptist Home Missions, the Superannuation Board, and the Free Will Baptist League.)

8. The Association shall pay the expenses of the Promotional Secretary to carry on the duties of his office along with the conference.

9. No church hereafter shall be considered properly organized without the presence of the Ordaining Council of one of our conferences or the Executive Board. It shall be the duty of the church to contact either Chairman.

10. The Association shall pay the expenses of the Executive Board, providing the church or conference calling them is not able.

11. The Executive Board has charge of the Associational Educational Program.

12. The Chairman of each Board or Committee is Treasurer of its funds. (With this exception: the Executive Board, the Treasurer of the Association is Treasurer of its funds.)

13. The churches sending ministers and delegates to the Association are to assure payment of their board. The host church will provide all sleeping quarters they can and arrange for rooms that may be rented and also meals.

14. It shall be the duty of every church composing this Association to send with their letter to the Association money to cover the cost of the printing of the Minutes.

15. The Moderator is authorized to appoint from the floor the nominating committee, consisting of five men, each from separate churches, who shall nominate candidates for the offices of this Association, and other boards and committees deemed necessary to carry on the work of the Association. The body may place nominations from the floor for each office. All members must be voted on and approved by the Body.

16. Each church shall record the following information on church letters (in addition to the information already required): The names and addresses of every minister belonging to each church reporting. The Clerk of the Association is to take this information and include the same in the Minutes.

17. It shall be the duty of the Chairman of any board, council, or committee when requested by a church or member of the Executive Board, to contact the other members of his board, council, or committee. Failure of the Chairman to try to inform his members shall be considered grounds for removal.

18. All property, real or personal, belonging to the Wabash Valley Association, will be maintained by the Trustees of said Association.

19. No minister shall be ordained to this office without having been a member of a Free Will Baptist church for at least two years.

20. No woman shall be ordained or accepted in this Association as such.

21. No minister or deacon hereafter will be ordained who has been married more than one time and has former wives still living. The same will be applicable to the wives of those to be ordained minister or deacon.

22. These Rules and Regulations may be amended at any annual meeting of the Association by two-thirds vote.
