

Minutes of meeting February, 1973

West Central Quarterly Meeting was called to order at ^{the} Oak Grove Free Will Baptist Church by James Hicks, moderator.

Service was begun by congregational singing led by Bro. Clifford Hicks with 'When I See the Blood'. Bro. Melvin Oathout led in prayer followed by another song 'I'll Be Listening'.

The devotional was brought by Bro. Sherman Ashby reading Mathew 24:30, 37.

Reading of the minutes of the previous meeting was made. Minutes declared approved as read.

Letters from the churches were read.

Motion, second, and carried to seat the delegates and to consider the requests.

The following committee appointments were made:

1. Business committee - Bro Clifford Hicks to fill Bro. Lesley Hogsdon's position.
2. Pulpit committee - Paul Connor, Ruth Wells, and Danny Sample.
3. Resolutions committee - Jane Harmon, Dorothy Hamilton, and Sherry Wheeler.
4. Memorial committee - Betty Williams, Reba Harris, Eddie Hollis.

Bro. Clifford Hicks led congregation in 'I'm Camping in Canaan's hand' followed with prayer led by Bro. Marion Wells. Another congregational song 'Elijah's God' was then sung.

Pulpit committee submitted a partial report. The committee recommended that Bro. James Hicks preach the morning message and that Bro. Johnny Hollis preach the afternoon message. Motion, second, and carried to receive the partial report.

Bro. Luther Hudson led in prayer to dismiss for recess.

Bro. Melvin Oathout brought the morning worship service to order with Bro Clifford Hicks leading the congregation in 'leaning on the Everlasting Arms' and 'I'll Fly Away'. Bro. Cloy Meyers led in prayer followed by the congregation singing 'There'll Be Shouting on the Hills'.

Bro. Robert Helms offered a special - 'When They Ring Them Golden Bells' followed with prayer led by Bro Clifford Hicks.

Bro. James Hicks preached using Mark 4:14-20 for his text. The topic was 'How to Tell a Christian'.

Following the message Bro Eddie Wheeler led in prayer dismissing the morning service and asking the blessing on the dinner.

The afternoon service was opened by congregational singing with 'Jesus Hold My Hand'. Bro. Dempsey Tucker then led in prayer followed with the congregation singing 'I'll Meet You in the Morning'.

The young people of the First Church of Granite City then offered several specials including 'Stand Up and Shout It'.

Bro Hicks then led testimony service, true testifying 'popcorn style' which was a blessing to all.

Bro and Mrs Randall Steelman offered the special 'The lights of Home'.

Bro Johnny Hollis then preached using Job 7: 6-10 for his text - 'How Real Death Is'.

Following the message, the afternoon business session began.

Motion, second, and carried to remove the constitutional change concerning election of quarterly meeting moderator and assistant moderator yearly from the table. The constitutional change to Article III did not carry.

The Examining ^{Committee} ~~Board's~~ report was read.

1. We the examining ~~board~~ ^{committee} have examined Bro. Guy Tucker and find him to be worthy to receive Exhorter's license to preach the Gospel for one year.
2. We the examining committee have examined Bro. Donald L. Ezell and agreed to grant him the second seal making him eligible to be ordained in one year.
3. We the examining committee have examined Bro. Johnnie Hollis and recommend that he be ordained to preach the Gospel with all its priveleges.
4. We the examing committee have examined Bro. Edward Wheeler and recommend that he be granted the second seal on his license (second year). Signed William Buster
Melvin Oathout

Motion, second, and carried to accept the examining committee's report and act on it item by item.

Motion, second, and carried to accept Item 1.

Motion, second, and carried to accept Item 2.

Motion, second, and carried to decept Item 3.

Motion, second, and carried to accept Item 4,

The pulpit committee's report was read.

We the pulpit committee recommend that Bro Clifford Hicks for the morning message, and Bro. Don Ezell for the afternoon.

(Motion, second and carried to accept the report.)
(Report signed by Ruth Wells, Paul Connor, Danny Sample)

The resolutions committee report was read.

We the resolutions committee wish to thank the Oak Grove Church for their wonderful hospitality, and bountiful dinner. We wish to give the church a standing vote of Thanks. Signed Dorothy Hamilton, Jane Harmon, Sherry Wheeler.
metion, second, and carried with standing vote to accept report.

The report of the memorial committee was read.

Let us stand and have a moment of silent prayer in memory of the deceased:

Bro Ed Cagle of Nason Church

Bro W.R. Terry of Harmony

signed Eddie Hollis, Reba Harris, Betty Williams.

~~The~~ Motion, second, and carried to accept the report. Followed with silent prayer.

The report of the Business Committee was read.

Seeing that there is a surplus in the treasury of our Quarterly Conference, we the Business Committee recommend that \$100.00 be set aside to be sent to the missionary account of Brother Fred Hershey. signed Charles L. Rhodes, Robert Helms.

Motion, second and carried to accept the report.

Nominations were opened for moderator for the next quarterly meeting.

Bro. James O'Dell was nominated and elected by acclamation.

Nominations were opened for assistant moderator for the next quarterly meeting.

Bro. Robert Helms was nominated and elected by acclamation.

Motion, second and carried to have the committee of ladies, Reba Harris, Betty Pierce and Leida Downen, to continue working with the host church in preparing for the youth service on Friday night.

Motion, second and carried to adjourn.

Lundell Steelman Clerk

JAMES HICKS, Moderator

Minutes of Quarterly Meeting May, 1973.

West Central Quarterly meeting was called to order at the Rescue Free Will Baptist Church by moderator Bro. James O'Dell. Bro. Frank Young led the congregation with the songs 'I'll Fly Away' and 'The Lily of the Valley'. Bro. Bill Buster then led in prayer.

Bro Ernie Deeds, one of our missionaries from Brazil gave the devotional thought using Romans 5:1-11.

The minutes of the February meeting were then read and declared approved as read.

The ~~statistical~~ statistical report was distributed, letters read followed with motion, and second to accept the letters, seat the delegates, and consider the requests. Motion carried.

The following committee appointments were made: Nominating committee: Frank Young, Jim Schultz and George Hart. Pulpit committee: Cloy Meyers, Jim Walker, and Don Ezell. Resolutions Committee: Andra Hart, Enola Lewis, and Hazel Lewis.

Memorial Committee: Grace Bailey, Thelma Webb, and Pat Rhodes.

Motion, second and carried to refer the ministers' reports to the Business Committee.

Bro Gene Norris, State Promotional Secretary, gave a report of promotional activities and announcements. He also announced that

Bro. Guy Terry was now in charge of the bookstore.

After recess, Bro Frank Young began the morning worship service with leading 'When I See The Blood'. Bro Jim Walker then led in prayer. The congregation then sang 'At Calvary'.

Bro. Don Ezell brought the message using John 15:5 and John 10:10 for his text, the thought being 'The Branch Abides in the Vine, Bearing Witness of the Vine.'

The morning service was concluded with the invitation song 'Just As I Am' and prayer of dismissal and requesting the blessing on the food by Bro. Howard Flota.

The afternoon service was begun with the song Heavenly Sunlight led by Bro. Frank Young. Bro. Luther Hudson led in prayer followed by the song 'Where We'll Never Grow Old'.

The Pulpit Committee report was read.

Item 1. We recommend Bro. Lonnie Sparks take the speakers time for the afternoon service.

Item 2. We recommend Bro. Wayne McKee preach the A.M. service. If there be a P.M. speaker, Bro. Loyd Crain for the next quarterly meeting.

Signed: Cloy Meyers, Donald L. Ezell, Jim Walker.
Motion, second and carried to accept the report and act on it item by item.

Item 1 was approved.

Item 2 was approved.

Item 5 of the Business Committee was then read.

Item 5. That since only one member of the examining committee is present, two members of the business committee be appointed to complete and comprise a committee to do the work of the examining committee.

Signed Robert Helms, Lesley Hogsdon, Charles L. Rhodes.
Motion, second, and carried to accept item 5 of the business committee's report.

Bro Robert Helms, assistant moderator who was ~~moderating~~ moderating for the afternoon session, then appointed Bro Charles Rhodes and Bro. Lesley Hogsdon to assist on the examining committee.

The service was then turned ~~over~~ over to Bro. Lonnie Sparks who used Luke 24: 45-47 for his text with his thought being 'World Vision'.

After the message the business session resumed with Bro Robert Helms in charge.

Motion, second and carried to declare Bethel Free Will Baptist Church the winner of TIC TAC TOE, Bible Bowl, and Sword Drill.

The Business Committees report was then read: We the Business Committee offer the following recommendations:

Item 1. Request from Bro Lesley Logsdon.

Rev. Lesley Logsdon has been called to pastor a Free Will Baptist Mission in the Potosi, Mo area. He will be affiliated with the St. Francis County Quarterly of Flat River, Mo. He would like a letter of recommendation to the St. Francis County Quarterly Meeting signed Rev. Lesley Logsdon. ^{We recommend that pastor} Logsdon's request for letter be granted.

Item 2. Request from Bro Jim Walker.

I recommend that we do away with the afternoon preaching service. Just preaching in the morning service. signed Bro. Jim Walker.

Recommendation: That we do away with the afternoon preaching service and have preaching only in the morning service.

Item 3. Request from Bro James O'Dell.

Since I am a member of the special committee appointed at the last Canaan District to consider the feasibility of dividing the Canaan District and let each quarterly be their own District, I request the feelings of the West Central Quarterly.

signed Rev. James O'Dell.

Recommendation: That pastor James O'Dell's letter concerning the Canaan District and explanation be given on the question of whether such change would be constitutional.

Item 4. That this body request each minister of the conference to send his yearly report to Bro Randy Steelman and that a credentials committee be appointed to examine these reports and be authorized to act on them in our behalf.

Item 5 had previously been read and acted on. Signed Robert Helms, Wesley Hogsdon, Charles L. Rhodes.

Motion, second and carried to accept the report and act on it item by item.

Item 1 approved.

Item 2 approved.

Motion second and carried to have item 3 read 'To dissolve the Canaan District meeting letting each quarterly be its own district with the last quarterly or the yearly quarterly meeting serve as ~~its~~ the district meeting.

Item 3 as amended was approved.

Item 4 was approved.

Report of the Memorial Committee was read. We the memorial committee request that the congregation stand and sing first and last verses of 'The Pearly White City', then prayer by whom you wish in memory of the deceased in the last quarter. signed: Pat Rhodes, Grace Bailey, Thelma Webb.

Motion second and carried to accept the report as read. The song 'The Pearly White City' was sung followed by prayer led by Bro. Clay Meyers.

The report of the Examining Committee was read.

Item 1. We the examining committee have examined Bro. John Rhodes. Since he comes from the General Baptist and has been preaching for two years, we recommend that he be granted license to preach the Gospel without the year's waiting period.

Item 2. We the examining committee have examined Bro. Leon Reese and find him to be an ordained minister and in good standing from the General Baptist. We recommend that we recognize him as an ordained minister and grant him a new ordination certificate.

Signed Rev. William Buster, Rev. Charles L. Rhodes,
Rev. Lesley Hogsdon.

Motion second and carried to accept the
examining committee's report and act on
it item by item.

Item 1 was approved.

Item 2 was approved.

The report of the Resolutions Committee was read.

We the resolutions Committee wish to thank
the church for the delicious meal and
generous hospitality. And pray God's blessing
on the church. Signed: Enola Lewis,
Andrey Hart, Hazel Lewis.

Motion second and carried ^{with standing vote} to accept the
report as read.

The report of the Nominations Committee was read.

We the nominating committee nominate
Arnold D. McKee for moderator and Jim
Walker as assistant moderator of the
next quarterly. Signed: Frank Young,
Jim Scholtz, George Hart.

Bro Walker declined nomination.

Motion second and carried to close nominations
for moderator. Bro. McKee was elected by
acclamation.

Bro. William Buster was nominated for
assistant moderator. Motion second and
carried to close nominations for assistant
moderator. Bro Buster was nominated by
acclamation.

Bro Lesley Hogsdon then gave a report on ~~the~~
the mission work that he was doing in Potosi,
Missouri and parting comments to the quarterly.
Motion second and carried to receive an offering
for the missionaries present. Offering received \$50.00.

Motion second and carried to adjourn.

Dismissal prayer by Bro. Everett Martin

Randall Steelman
Clerk

Minutes of Quarterly Meeting August, 1973
 West Central Quarterly Meeting was called to order with the congregation singing 'I'm In the Glory Land Way' and 'When the Roll is Called Up Yonder'. Bro. Lloyd Crain, pastor of the Rock Springs Free Will Baptist Church gave a welcome and turned the service ~~of~~ over to Bro. William Buster for business since he was the oldest minister present and the elected moderator and assistant moderator were not present.

Bro. Robert Helms brought the devotion using Psalms 119:137.

Bro. Buster opened the business with nominations for a moderator pro temp due to a cold. Bro. Robert Helms and Bro. James O'Dell were nominated with motion, second and carried for nominations to cease. Bro Robert Helms was elected and took charge as moderator.

The letters were then read. Motion, second, and carried to receive the letters ^{and} seat the delegates.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and declared approved as read.

The following committees were appointed:

Pulpit Committee:	Edd Shrum
	Everett Martin
	Guy Light
Memorial Committee:	Maggie Buster
	Hazel Lewis
	Cloy Meyers

Resolutions Committee: James O'Dell (Chm)
 Everett Flew's
 Audrey Kash

Nominating Committee:

Congregation then sang 'I'll Fly Away' followed with prayer led by Bro. John Rhodes. Recess then followed.

Morning worship service then began with the song 'Oh, Say But I'm Glad' with Bro Crain in charge of service. Bro Cloy Meyers led in prayer followed by several special songs by the First Free Will Baptist Church of Granite City youth. The special 'Neither Do I Condemn Thee' was then offered by a lady from the Rock Springs Church.

Bro. Wayne McKee then brought the morning message using the text Revelation 3:13-19, 'The Visit to the Eye Doctor'.

Following the message, Bro. James O'Dell led in prayer dismissing the morning service and asking the blessing on the food.

The afternoon session was called to order by Bro. Robert Helms. The congregation sang the song 'Jesus Saves' followed by prayer led by Bro. Don Ezell. Sis. Audrey Kash then sang 'I Don't Know About Tomorrow'.

The Examining Committee Report was read:

1. We the Examining Committee have interviewed Bro. Wayne McKee. We hereby recommend that he be placed on the waiting period for one year.
 Signed Wm. Buster, Charles Rhodes.

2. We ~~also~~ have also examined the yearly report of Bro. Cletus Reed and recommend that he be granted a card of good standing.

Signed: Wm Buster, Charles Rhodes.

Motion, second and carried to accept the report as read.

The Nominating Committee report was read:

We the nominating committee nominated Bro. Wm Buster for moderator, Bro. Jim Hicks for assistant moderator.

Motion, second and carried to accept as much of the report as possible since Bro. Jim Hicks was not present (Nominees must be present).

The floor was opened for nominations for assistant moderator. Bro. Cloy Meyers was nominated. Motion, second and carried for nomination to cease and elect. Bro. Meyers was elected.

The Resolutions Committee report was read.

We the Resolutions Committee recommend the body give a standing vote of thanks to the Rock Springs Church for their excellent job of hosting the Quarterly Meeting.

Signed: James O'Dell Chairman, Everett E. Lewis, Audrey Kesh.

Motion, second, and carried to accept the report as read. ~~Note~~ A standing vote was given.

The Pulpit Committee report was read:

We the Pulpit Committee recommend Bro. Charles Rhodes to preach in the morning services at the next quarterly meeting. Signed: Edd Shrum

Everett Martin, Guy Light.

Motion, second and carried to accept the report as read.

The Memorial Committee report was read:

We the memorial Committee recommend that Bro. Loyd Crain lead in prayer in memory of the deceased: Bro. George Neville of Bearpoint, Rev. Johnnie Holmes and Rev. Arthur Devore of Harmony, Bro. Ed Miller of Hazel Dell, Bro. James Meggs of Rock Springs, and Sis Anna Boswell of Bethel.

Signed: Maggie Buster, Hazel Lewis, Cloy Meyers.

Motion, second and carried to accept the report as read. The vote was followed by the congregation standing ~~to~~ in prayer led by Bro. Loyd Crain.

The Business Committee report was read:

We the Business Committee recommend that the West Central Quarterly Conference authorize our treasurer to obtain enough church letter forms to meet the needs of our churches for one year, and that we use the form recommended by the National Association.

Signed: Robert Helms, Charles Rhodes.

Motion, second and carried to accept the report as read.

The following motion was received in writing:

Motion to recommend the West Central Quarterly proceed to designate the last meeting of the fiscal year as its yearly meeting; and to withdraw from the Canadian District. This motion to be tabled until the next Quarterly Meeting due to the fact of a constitution change. Signed Rev. James O'Dell.

Motion, second and carried to table this motion until the next quarterly meeting.

Motion, second, and carried for the Business Committee to see if our quarterly has to apply to the state association for District Status.

Motion, second and carried by standing vote to adjourn. led in prayer by Bro. Jim Buster.

Louise Stehman
Clerk.