

Minutes of The West Central Illinois
Free Will Baptist Quarterly Meeting
when convened at The Bethel Free
Will Baptist Church Jan 16, 1988
Congregational Song "Christ the
Solid Rock" led by Mike Russell
with Lela Shrum at the piano
Prayer by Cory Adams
Meeting Called to Order by the
Clerk.

The Church Covenant was read.
The Church letters were read and
the delegates seated.

The Committee Appointments
were made.

The Minutes of the previous
Meeting was read and approved.
Treasurers report, was given
and accepted.

- Worship hour -

Congregational Song "I am Resolved"
led by Rusty Miller with Lela
Shrum at the piano

Bro Gene Outland brought the
message using Ezekiel 3:1-15
Committee Reports!

We The Memorial Committee request
a standing moment of silent
prayer for the deceased loved
ones of our Churches - Bennet
Canner - Rescue, Frances Denton -
Rock Springs, Aline Hanna - Oak
Shane, Clara Krane, Fannie
Juricht & Eunice Kennedy - Bear
Point and Jean Blasiala - Bethel
Signed Russell Miller, Thelma
Wehl & Verita Kern. A standing
moment of silent prayer the

Prayer by Bro Juan Ryan.
We The Resolution Committee
would like to express our
Appreciation to the Bethel Church
for hosting this Quarterly Meeting.
We would ~~also~~ also make for
a standing vote of thanks to
the women of the Church for
providing coffee and doughnuts
and for preparing the noon
meal. Signed Robert Jasper
Mildred Speltan and William
D. Hollis.

Motion sustained by a standing
Vote.

We the examining Committee have
examined the Ministers Annual
Reports and recommend the
following to be approved as
ministers who are in accordance
with the Constitution and By-Laws
of the West Central Quarterly Meeting.
Albert Bays, Gary Portell, Clay
Meyers, Clifford Hicks, Gene Outland,
Laurie Hanna, Melvin Cathart,
Mike Russell, Melvin Knott,
Larry Cook, Cary Adams, Randall
Steelman, Guy Leonard, Perry
Pierce, Juan Ryan and Steven
Eubanks. Signed Mike Russell,
Juan Ryan, & Clay Meyer.

Motion sustained to receive
the report and forward the
letters on to the State Assoc.
Business Comm. Report.

Item #1 We the Business Committee
recommend the letter of withdrawal
from the Harmony West City

Church he Accepted with great regrets
signed David Malone, Everett Pierce,
& Jim Dillan.

Item #2 We the Business Committee
recommend the Committee appointed
to look into the problem at the
Harmony West City Church be
disbanded. Signed David Malone
Everett Pierce & Jim Dillan

Item #3 We the Business Committee
recommend that the West Central
Quarterly Meeting purchase one table/
bench Canerson set for Camp Napa.
Signed David Malone, Everett Pierce
& Jim Dillan

Item #4 We the Business Committee
recommend to increase the gifts
to our Free Will Baptist Bible College
students, who are members of
this Quarterly Meeting from 10.00 to
15.00 quarterly.

~~Item~~ Item #5 As a point of information
we will need to make some important
changes to our Constitution and
By-Laws pending the outcome
of the State Association Meeting
in March. We need to consider
some people for this very impor-
tant task who will possibly
be appointed or elected at our
next Quarterly Meeting. Please
be much in prayer about
this matter. Signed David Malone
Everett Pierce & Jim Dillan
Motion sustained to receive the
report and act upon item
by item.

Item #1 Motion & sustained to accept

letter of withdrawal of Harmony
West City.

Item #2 Motion sustained to
disband Committee

Item #3 Motion sustained to
purchase table/Bench Conversion
set for Camp Hope

Item #4 Motion sustained to
increase from \$10.00 to \$15.00 per
quarterly per student
~~attending~~ belongs to this quarterly
attending Free Will Baptist Bible
College.

Delegates to State Assoc. Meeting
Randal Steelman, Aracelia Prier,
Khristi Shores, Peggy Outland,
Jane Harmon, Glenn Shelton
Betty Pierce, Deana Adams
and Gary Creaker. Motion
sustained to send the above
named as delegates to the State
Assoc. Meeting

Motion sustained to adjourn
the business session
~~worship hour~~

Prayer by Daniel Harmon
-Worship Hour-

Congregational Song "At The Cross"
led by Mike Russell

Special - It Is Finished sung
by Rusty Miller with Cliff
Donahoe at the piano.

Message by Cliff Donahoe using
Gen. 32:24-29

Larry Pierce & Daniel Burgess
to speak at Mascoutah April 16

July meeting to be July 9 at
Hazel Dell

appeared 4-16-88

Ed Shuey Clerk
Larry Cook Mob

MINUTES OF THE WEST CENTRAL QUARTERLY
MEETING WHEN CONVENED APRIL 16, 1988 AT
THE MASCOUTAH FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

CONGREGATIONAL SONG "VICTORY IN JESUS" LED
BY ELDON SCHMIDT WITH BARBRA SCHMIDT AT
THE PIANO

PRAYER BY TOM HARMON

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY THE CLERK
~~RE~~THE CHURCH COVENANT WAS READ

THE CHURCH LETTERS ~~WERE~~ READ AND RECEIVED
AND THE DELEGATES SEATED

THE COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS WERE MADE
THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING
WAS READ AND APPROVED

THE TREASURER'S REPORT WAS GIVEN
AND ACCEPTED

PRAYER BY REV. LARRY COOK

- RECESS -

SPEAKERS FOR JULY MEETING ARE LARRY
COOK AND MIKE RUSSELL

CONGREGATIONAL SONG "TO GOD BE THE
GLORY" LED BY KEITH FLETCHER

MESSAGE BY REV. DAVID BURGESS

USING COLOSSIANS I 15, 16, 17 & GEN I:1, 1:26

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

RESOLUTIONS - WE THE RESOLUTIONS

COMMITTEE WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS

OUR GRATITUDE TO THE MASCOUTAH

FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH FOR HOSTING

OUR QUARTERLY MEETING. WE WOULD

LIKE TO CALL FOR A STANDING VOTE OF

THANKS TO THE WOMEN FOR PREPARING

THE NOON MEAL AND FOR PROVIDING THE

COFFEE AND DOUGHNUTS. SIGNED ROBERT K.

JASPER, TIM PIERCE AND ED BOSWELL

MOTION SUSTAINED BY A STANDING
VOTE

MEMORIAL - WE THE MEMORIAL COMMITTEE,
RECOMMEND THAT WE EXPRESS OUR
DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO THE FAMILY AND
CHURCHS OF DAISY HOLLAND - RESCUE;
BILL REIGER - BEAR POINT; FREDRA EUBANKS
AND GUY CRIEDER - BETHEL. WE RECOMMEND
THAT THE BODY STAND FOR SILENT PRAYER
IN REMBRANCE OF THEM. SIGNED
ALLENE BASSO, JANE HARMON AND
BONNIE ALLEN

MOTION SUSTAINED TO RECEIUE AND ADOPT
THE REPORT BY STANDING AND A MOMENT
OF SILENT PRAYER - PRAYER BY DAVID
SHORES

EXAMINING BOARD - THE EXAMINING BOARD MET
AND APPROVED A LETTER TO BRO. BILL
FASIG WHO IS A MEMBER OF HARMONY
WEST CITY. DUE TO THE WITHDRAWAL OF
HIS CHURCH FROM THE QUARTERLY, THIS
EXAMINING BOARD HAS NO AUTHORITY
CONCERNING HIS ORDINATION PROCEDURES
SIGNED: IVAN RYAN, BILLY JENE OUTLAND
AND MIKE RUSSELL.

MOTION SUSTAINED TO RECEIVE THE
REPORT.

BUSSINESS COMMITTEE: WE THE BUSINESS
COMMITTEE RECOMMEND:

ITEM # 1 THAT THE RESIGNATION OF GUY
LEONARD AS ASSISTANT MODERATOR BE
ACCEPTED.

ITEM # 2 THAT GENE OUTLAND BE
NOMINATED AND ELECTED TO THE
OFFICE OF ASSISTANT MODERATOR

ITEM # 3 THAT A COMMITTEE BE AROINTE D
TO EXAMINE AND DEFINE REQUIREMENTS
FOR MINISTES TO BE IN GOOD STANDING
WITH THIS QUARTERLY MEETING.

WE RECOMMEND THE CHAIRMAN OF

THE BUSINESS ~~COMMITTEE~~ AND AND
EXAMINING COMMITTEES, THE MODERATOR
AND ~~THREE~~^{TWO} MEMBERS ELECTED FROM
THE FLOOR

ITEM #4 THAT WE INSTRUCT OUR CLERK
TO CHECK PREVIOUS MINUTES FOR A
CHANGE APPLYING TO THE ~~BUSINESS~~ BUSINESS
COMMITTEE. THE SPECIFIC CHANGE IS
ONE THAT IS CONTAINED IN THE BY-LAWS
FOR THE EXAMINING COMMITTEE THAT
STATES "THAT IN THE ABSENCE OF ONE
MEMBER OF THE BOARD AT THE QUARTERLY
MEETING THAT THE TWO(2) MEMBERS
THAT ARE PRESENT GO AHEAD WITH THE
EXAMINATION" IT IS BELIEVED THAT THIS
STATEMENT OR SIMILAR WAS INTENDED
FOR THE BUSINESS COMMITTEE. IF THE
MINUTES REFLECT THIS INTENTION THAT
BYLAWS BE CHANGED TO COMPLY

ITEM #5 THAT \$100.00 BE GIVEN TO THE
BURGESS ACCOUNT FOR THE WORK AT
BLOMINGTON. SIGNED EVERETT PIERCE,
ELDON SCHMIDT AND RANDAL STEELMAN
MOTION SUSTAINED TO RECEIVE THE REPORT
AND ACT UPON ITEM BY ITEM

ITEM #1 MOTION SUSTAINED TO RECEIVE
BRO GUY LEONARDS RESIGNATION

ITEM #2 MOTION SUSTAINED TO NOMINATE
BRO OUTLAND FOR ASST. MODERATOR. FLOOR
WAS OPENED FOR NOMINATIONS. THERE
WERE NO NOMINATIONS MOTION SUSTAINED
FOR NOMINATIONS CEASE AND PROCEED TO
ELECT. BRO. OUTLAND WAS ELECTED AS
ASST. MODERATOR

ITEM #3 MOTION SUSTAINED TO APPOINT
THE CHAIRMEN OF THE BUSINESS COMMITTEE
AND EXAMINING COMMITTEE ALONG WITH
THE MODERATOR TO SERVE ON THE COMMITTEE

NOMINATIONS FROM THE FLOOR TO SERVE
GENE OUTLAND AND IVAN RYAN. MOTION
SUSTAINED FOR NOMINATIONS CEASE AND
PROCEED TO ELECT OUTLAND AND
RYAN WERE BOTH ELECTED

ITEM # 4 NO MOTION WAS MADE

ITEM # 5 MOTION SUSTAINED TO CONTRIBUTE
\$100.⁰⁰ TO THE BLOOMINGTON WORK

KEITH FLETCHER SHARED INFO ABOUT
YOUTH CAMP

DAVID SHORES SPOKE BRIEFLY ABOUT
THE UPCOMING MISSIONS CONFERENCE
MASCOUTAH QUARTET (BOB JASPER,
ELDON SCHMIDT, MIKE AND SHRON RUSSELL
WITH MRS. SCHMIDT AT THE PIANO) SANG
"FOR THOSE TEARS I DIED"

TERRY PIERCE BROUGHT THE MESSAGE
USING PHILIPPIANS 2:3-11.

DISMISSED IN PRAYER AND BLESSING
ASKED UP ON THE FOOD BY ED SHRUM.

ED SHRUM CLERK

LARRY COOK MODERATOR

APPROVED 7-9-88 RS

Minutes of the West Central Quarterly Meeting when convened July 9th, 1988 at Hazel Dell Free Will Baptist Church.

Meeting was called to order by Moderator Larry Cook.

Congregational Song "Love Lifted Me" was sung with Eldon Schmidt leading. David Malone led in prayer.

Moderator Larry Cook led in the responsive reading of the church covenant.

The moderator received no requests for the reading of the constitution and bylaws. Acting clerk Randace Steelman read the letters from the churches.

Motion, second and carried to accept the letters and seat the delegates.

The moderator then made committee appointments for the Memorial and Resolution committees.

The acting clerk read the minutes.

Motion second and carried to accept the minutes as read.

The treasurer gave the treasurer's report. Motion, second and carried to accept the report as given.

Carson Douck led in prayer before recessing.

Upon reconvening, Eldon Schmidt led the congregation in singing "Near to the Heart of God".

Brother Larry Cook then brought the message "Garden of Life" using Hosea 10:12 and II Timothy 3:16-17.

Resolutions Committee Report.

We the Resolutions Committee would like to give a standing vote of thanks of appreciation to the Hazel Dell church for their hospitality, the coffee and donuts and the noon meal. Signed: Kenny Hall, Zeida Donnen, Venita Kern.

Motion, second and carried by standing vote to receive the Resolutions Committee Report.

Memorial Committee Report.

We the Memorial Committee recommend that we express our deepest sympathy to the family and church.

Sister Audra Minor and
Sister Minnie Barker of Bear Point.

We recommend the body stand in silent prayer in memory of them.

Signed: Barbara Schmidt, Ruth Dillon, Marilyn Irvin

Motion, second and carried by standing vote to receive the report. Followed by silent prayer led by Brother Gene Outland.

Examining Committee Report

We recommend that a letter of good standing be sent to the South Florida Association of Free Will Baptists in behalf of Reverend Guy Leonard. Signed: Ivan Ryan, Mike Russell

Motion, second and carried to grant the request.

Business Committee Report

Note: We appointed Bob Gasper of Mascoutah to serve with us on the Business Committee.

Item 1. We the Business Committee recommend that Brother Guy Leonard be given a letter of recommendation from the Quarterly Meeting.

Item 2. We recommend this Quarterly Meeting send a gift of \$100.00 to the Leonards due to Sister Cleo's physical condition.

Item 3. We recommend that the October Quarterly Meeting which was to be held at Nason, be moved to the Rescue church due to conflict of Nason's homecoming.

Item 4. We recommend in absence of a formal report from Bethel church that Brother Randall Steelman be appointed delegate.

Item 5. We the Business Committee recommend as requested by the Bethel church that Brother John Ailworth meet with the Examining Committee to begin the ordination process. This recommendation is given pending formal approval of Bethel church business meeting of 7/13/88.

Item 6. We the Business Committee recommend that the sentence beginning with "This Quarterly Meeting ..." and ending with "... same requirements." of article VII be deleted from our Constitution. Note: The section reads "This Quarterly Meeting shall follow the requirement of Article XII of the Illinois State Association Constitution and By-Laws in examining ministers or ministerial candidates, any other committee that may be appointed dealing with the qualifications of ministers will also use the same requirements."

Item 7. We the Business Committee recommend that the report of the special committee be given to and received by this body and tabled according to our constitution and by-laws. We suggest that Article 9 of our by-laws be observed. Signed: Davis Malone, Everett Pierce, Robert Jasper.

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

Item 1. Motion, second and carried to adopt Item 1.

Item 2. Motion, second and carried to adopt Item 2.

Item 3. Motion, second and carried to adopt Item 3.

Item 4. Motion second and carried to adopt Item 4.

Item 5. Motion, second and carried to adopt Item 5.

Item 6. Motion, second and carried to receive Item 6 and lay it on the table.

Item 7. Motion, second and carried to adopt Item 7.

Committee on Ministerial Qualifications
Committee chairman gave oral report and passed out ~~the~~ copies of the proposed constitutional change and minister's annual report.

Motion and second ^{and carried} to receive the report given.

Motion second and carried to insert the words 'or quarterly meeting or association' after the words 'from another State' in the proposed Article XI, Section 1, paragraph (5).

Note: Two motions were made and seconded, proposing changes to paragraph (6) B 2 and subsequently withdrawn.

~~Vote was sustained to lay the proposed article on the table.~~

Motion, second, and carried to lay the proposed constitutional article on the table.

Motion, second and carried to adjourn.

Eldon Schmidt led the congregation in singing 'Victory in Jesus'.

Mike Russell then preached on 'Missed Blessings' using Mark 5:1-20, Luke 6:4-5 and Luke 10:10-12 and vs 17.

Service concluded by special altar of prayer for Sister Cleo Leonard. Everett Pierce led in prayer.

Brother Gene Outland led in dismissal prayer and blessing for food.

Randall Steelman, Acting Clerk

Larry Cook, Moderator

Approved 10-15-88

Minutes of The West Central Ill Association of Free Will Baptists When Commenced Oct 15, 1988 at The Rescue Free Will Baptist Church Congregational sang "At Calvary" led by Mark Willis with ~~the~~ Lela Shum at the piano

Prayer by Rev Daniel Shores
The Church Covenant was read by Rev. Gene Outland

The reading of the Constitution and By-laws was by-passed.

The Church letters was read and accepted and the delegates seated

The Committee appointments were made.

The minutes of the previous meeting was read and approved.

The Treasurers report was given by Rev. Ivan Ryan as Bro Steelman was absent Motion sustained to receive the Treasurers report.

~~Rev~~ Prayer by Rev Mike Russell

-Recess-

Session Called into order by
Moderator Rev Parry Cook
Congregational sang "Standing
on The Promises of God"

Rev. Daniel Burgess shared with
the congregation about the work
in Bloomington, IL.

Message by Rev John Ailsworth
using Isaiah 40: 27-31

-Committee Reports

-Examining Committee Report

We the Credential Committee recommend
the following

Item #1 - That Rev Dan Martin be
accepted as a member of the West
Central Quarterly pending a letter
of good standing from Tulsa Area
Quarterly in Oklahoma.

Item #2 - Having met with Rev Guy
Terry and upon reviewing his
Annual Ministers report we
recommend his membership
into the West Central Quarterly
pending a written request from
the Rock Springs Church where
he is pastoring. Signed Michael
Russell, Clay Meyers and Ivan
Ryan.

Motion sustained to receive the
report and act upon item by
item.

Item #1 Motion sustained to accept
Rev Martin pending letter from
Okla. Quarterly

Item #2 Motion sustained to accept
Rev Terry as a member pending
a request from Rock Springs

Business Committee Report.

We recommend that the changes to Article XI be removed from the table and acted on. Signed Daniel Harrison and Everett Pierce.

Motion sustained to remove Article XI change from table

Motion sustained to accept article XI as presented - (This article change stapled to this page)

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This to be a permanent part of the minutes of Oct 15, 1988 meeting and is stapled in minute book

BYLAWS

ARTICLE XI. MINISTERS

Section 1. The following qualifications must be met before this Quarterly meeting will license or ordain any person as a minister of the Gospel:

(1). Must give evidence of being called of God.

(2). Must have the church to which he belongs make a written request to the Quarterly Meeting that he be granted Exhorter's License, it being understood that such request cannot be granted until one year after it is made. Upon recommendation of the Credentials committee this waiting period may be waived by a majority vote of the Quarterly Meeting. The candidate will be required to appear before the Examining Board upon receipt of a written request from the church and before the issuance of Exhorter's License.

(3). Must have successfully completed a program of study from an approved Bible College (preferably Free Will Baptist Bible College), or a study course approved by the Quarterly Meeting, of not less than two years after being given Exhorter's license. Such course to be divided into four equal or near equal periods. Said courses to be prescribed by the West Central Quarterly Meeting of Free Will Baptist. A written examination to be given after each term of the study course.

(4). If coming from another denomination, must meet every requirement of other candidates regardless of whether licensed or ordained in the other denomination. Any departure of the above must come as a recommendation from the Examining committee and approved by a majority vote of the Quarterly Meeting.

(5). An ordained or licensed minister coming from another State, ^{another quarterly meeting or association} must have a letter of recommendation from his Quarterly or State Association before being received into this Quarterly Meeting. *State, Assoc, or quarterly*

(6). Must meet the following qualifications:

A. Must not take part in practices repugnant to Free Will Baptist Doctrine such as:

1. Sanctification as a second definite work of grace.
2. Oneness rather than the Trinity.
3. Unknown tongues as commonly recognized.
4. Positional eternal security rather than Provisional eternal security as taught by the scriptures and recognized by our Treatise.

B. Concerning character:

1. Only men will be licensed, ordained, or recognized as ministers.
2. He cannot be involved in a dual marriage. ~~or divorced~~

3. He may not engage in activities or practices which are inconsistent with prevailing Free Will Baptist beliefs and attitudes, such as the use of tobacco and illegal drugs, or involvement in a homosexual lifestyle.

4. The spirit of giving and of charity should be well rooted in his character, as exemplified by tithing.

(7). Must fully agree with the faith and practice of the Free Will Baptist denomination as given in the Treatise.

(8). Any person to be ordained by this Quarterly Meeting, must meet the requirements as stated by God in I Timothy 3:1-7.

Section 2. Ministerial Card

This card will be issued annually to those that comply with the following:

(1). Must make an annual report.

(2). Must comply with Section 1, parts 6, 7, & 8.

Resolutions Committee Report

We the Resolutions Committee wish to recommend this Quarterly give a standing vote of appreciation to Rescue Church for their hospitality and invitation to entertain this meeting, and for the food is provided, and especially want to say thank you for helping us out at Mason Church by taking our turn will gladly take our turn when your turn comes around. Signed Geraldine Lewis, Erma Lee Canner and Lela Terry Motion sustained with a standing vote to accept the report.

Memorial Committee report.

We the Memorial Committee recommend that we express our appreciation for the past efforts in Christian service of Lillian Jones, Zella Meggs and Phillip Mac Byrd With a Memorial Contribution in their name, of \$10.00 each to the Free Will Baptist Bible College in Nashville, Tenn. Signed Lela Shrum, Bonnie Allen and Doris Harvath. Motion sustained to accept the report and carry out the recommendation.

Auditing Committee report

We the Auditing Committee having examined the treasurers report find it to be correct. Signed Mark Wells, Tom Harrison and Martin Irwin. Motion sustained to receive the report.

Nominating Committee Report -

We the nominating committee nominate the following.

Moderator - Larry Cook

Asst. mod. - Guy Leroy

Clerk - Ed Shum

Treasurer - Marilyn Irwin

Bus. Comm. Everett Pierce

Evangel. Bd. Clay Meyer

Signed Clifford Hicks, John Ailsworth
and Carl Spann

Motion sustained to receive the report and act upon ~~the report~~ nomination by nomination

The floor was opened for nomination for each office, there were no nominations from the floor motion sustained for nominations to cease and elect. All were elected as nominated.

Motion sustained to Adjourn
Prayer by Rev. Clifford Hicks
Worship hour

Congregational Song "He is Able to Deliver Thee"

Special Song by Mark Wells
"Sweet By and By"

Message by Rev. Ivan Ryan
using Revelation 22:17

Dismissed In Prayer by Ed Shum
Congregational Song ~~Forget the~~
~~world~~ "When we All Get to Heaven"

Ed Shum Clerk
Larry Cook Moderator
Approved 1-21-89