

Minutes of the West Central ~~Association~~ Illinois District
Association of Free Will Baptist Convened Jan
20th, 1886 at Bethel Free Will Baptist Church
in South Roxana, Ill

Rev. Bill Crank welcomed the association to
the Bethel Church. Gary Portell led the
congregation in singing "Majesty" and "Jesus Is
the Sweetest Name I Know". Bro. Bob Jervis
led in prayer.

The meeting was called to order by the Clerk.
Pastor David Malone led the congregation in
reading the Church Covenant responsively.

The Church letters were read, ~~and~~ motion
was made and sustained to accept the reading
of the Church letters and seat the delegates.

The moderator appointed the following committees.
Memorial Committee: Beth Webb, Charlene Jelek,
and Marilyn Jervis. Resolutions Committee:
Clark Lincoln, Everett Pierce, and Bob
Jasper.

The Treasurer's report was given by Sister
Ginger Kerr. The balance reported was \$439.22.

motion was made and sustained to accept the report as given. The ~~meeting~~^{minutes} of the previous meeting were read. Motion was made and sustained to accept the report as read.

The moderator called on the state moderator, Pastor David Shoen, to share some of the news from the state. Since ²members of the Evening Road were absent, Pastor Oulland was given permission to select an order of service to be presented to the board. The moderator announced a short rest. Bro Oshall Warren led in prayer.

The meeting was called back in session by the moderator, Bro Dan Martin. The group was led in singing There Is Power In The Blood by Gary Portell. The Bethel Christian Academy Praise Ensemble sang several musical numbers.

Pastor David Baker of the Waltonville Church brought the message. His text was Malachi 1: 1-5.

The following Committee reports were given: Memorial Committee - We the memorial Committee recommend that Hymn page 683 be sung in memory of all of the dear Saints that went to be with the Lord this past year. Signed Beth Webby, Charlene Julek, Marilyn Iwen. Motion was made and sustained to accept the report. Bro Gary Portell led the congregation in singing "What a Day That will Be".

Resolutions Committee: ~~Recommendation~~ We the resolutions Committee praise our glorious Savior for His atoning sacrifice, His precious Word, and His daily provision. We would also like to thank the folks at the Bethel Church

for hosting the association meeting and providing a meal for us today. Signed Clark Lenzburg, Everett Pence, & Bob Jasper. Motion was made and sustained & accept the report.

Business Committee: Recommendation that the quarterly pay \$60.00 for ^{printing} color maps for each Church. There are six maps for each participating Church. Signed Tracy Kerr, Ed Shrum, & Mark Shores. Motion was made and sustained & accept the report. The Clerk was instructed to get the maps copied and distribute one copy to each Church.

The moderator asked for volunteers to be delegates to the state meeting from this association. The following names were placed in nomination, ~~and~~ ^{and} a motion was made & sustained to submit the names to the state as the West Central Quarterly delegates.

Ginger Kerr, Barbara Schmuck, Krista Shores, Tonya Jasper, Lilia Shrum, Peggy Outland, Jean Malone, Betty Pierce, Loraine Crank, & Sue King.

Pastor Sue Outland was nominated to serve as the association delegate on the state Executive Committee. Motion was made and sustained & elect by acclamation.

Gary Portell sang a special entitled His Strength Is Perfect. Pastor Robert Jilek ~~for~~ brought the message using Ezekiel 37: 1-10 as the text. Brother Ed Shrum led in prayer and several shared testimonies.

The Report of the Examining Committee was given.

Item 1 - We recommend that Bro John Rhodes be received into our Quarterly meeting pending

the receiving of a letter of good standing from the Indian Creek Association, of Mississippi.

Item 2 - We recommend that Bro Mark Shores be ordained as a minister of gospel.

Item 3 - We recommend Bro David Baker be received into our Quarterly meeting pending the receiving of a letter of good standing from the Northern Quarterly of the Cumberland Association, Tennessee.

Item 4 - We recommend that Bro Tracy Kerr be ordained as a minister of the gospel.

Item 5 - We recommend that the following ministers be issued cards of good standing by the West Central Quarterly - Randall Steelman, Bill Crank, Mark Shores, Dan Martin, Larry Cook, David Malone, Mike Russell, Byford Campbell, Tracy Kerr, David Baker, Gary Portell, Jessie Allen, Gene Outland, Robert Julek, Clarence Porter. Signed Billy Gene Outland and M. David Malone.

Motion was made and sustained to accept all 5 items as read. The Clerk filled out the cards and distributed them at the close of the meeting.

Pastor Outland gave a report on the Coming Youth Camp.

The Clerk announced he had several copies of the 1925 state meeting minutes for those that desired a copy and they next meeting would be held at Hazel Dell on April 20, 1926. Bro Dan accepted a motion to adjourn. Bro Everett Pierce closed in prayer. Dan Martin introduced, Eldon Schmidt Clerk, approved April 20th, 1926

Minutes of the West Central Illinois District association of Free Will Baptists convened April 20th, 1896 at Hazel Dell Free Will Baptist Church

Rusty Miller led the congregation in singing "We Live". Pastor Outland welcomed the association to the Hazel Dell Church. ~~and Rusty Miller led in singing~~ Unhushed Day. ~~Prayer was~~ Bro Tom Harmon led in prayer.

The clerk called the meeting to order and the asst moderator, David Malone, led in reading the consent responsively.

The Church letters were read. Motion was made and sustained to accept the recommended delegates. The moderator appointed the following Committee. Resolutions: Bud Porter, Dennis Skelton, and David Baker. Memorial: Thelma Webb, Emma Lee Conner, and Bonnie Ray Allen.

The Clerk read the minutes of the January 1896 quarterly meeting. The minutes were accepted as read.

The moderator called a short recess. Prayer was given by Bob Jasper.

The meeting was reconvened by singing "Jesus Is all the world to me" and "I am Resolved".

Rusty Miller brought a special song. Pastor Bill Crank of the Bethel Church brought the message ~~on~~ from Matthew 22:34-40.

The treasurer report was given. The closing balance was \$584.82.

The following Reports were given:

Memorial Committee - We the memorial Committee wish to express our sympathy to the family of Alice Devault who was a long life member of the Hazel Dell Church. ~~Signed~~ Request the Congregation please stand in silent prayer and

then prayer to be offered by Bob Irvin. Motion was made and sustained to accept the report. Prior to the prayer, The ~~names of~~ names of J B Joiner, Peace Church, and Shirley Evans, Bethel Church, were added to the list of deceased. Brother Bob Irvin led in prayer.

Resolutions Committee Report:

(1) Be it resolved, we would like our Quarterly meeting to go on record as opposing the partial-birth abortion. Also, we would like the meeting to instruct our Clerk to send appropriate letters to the President, Senators, and Congressional representatives stating our position and encouraging them to override the veto.

(2) Be it resolved, we would like the West Central Quarterly to consider the feasibility of hosting a missions conference in our churches.

(3) Be it resolved, we would encourage our Quarterly meeting to follow the states resolution concerning K-mart.

(4) Be it resolved, we give a rising vote of thanks to the Hazel Dell F.W.B Church for hosting today's quarterly meeting.

Signed Bud Porter, Dennis Shelton, David Baker. Motion was made and sustained to accept the report and action on each item separately.

Item 1 - Motion was made and sustained to go on record opposing the partial birth abortion and instructed the Clerk to write letters to the elected national officers holding stating our position. Brother Byford Campbell led in prayer concerning this issue.

Item 2 - Motion was made and sustained to look

and hosting a mission conference in our Church.

Item 3. - Motion was made and sustained to follow the state resolution to lift the boycott of K-mart.

Item 4. - Motion was made and sustained to give a rising vote of thanks to the Royal Dell Church for hosting the meeting.

Business Report - The business Committee recommends the next meeting be held on July 13, 1986 instead of the regularly scheduled July 20th to avoid conflict with the national association. Signed Frank Shores and Tracy Kerr.

Motion was made and sustained to accept the business report and change the date of the next meeting.

Pastor Outland spoke on camp activities and on the mission emphasis week.

Rusty Miller led the congregation in singing "When we all Get to Heaven" and "In the Sweet by and By". Pastor Tracy Kerr led in prayer. Pastor Larry Cook brought a message on the Impact of Jesus using Mark 1:21-22 as the text.

The Clerk announced he had copies of the 1985 minutes of the Ill. State Assoc and copies of the 1986 Denominational Digest.

Motion was made and sustained to adjourn.

Pastor Jessie Allen led in prayer.

Larry Martin, Moderator, Eldon E. Schmidt, Clerk.

Approved July 13, 1986

Minutes of the West Central Illinois District Association of Free Will Baptists convened on July 13th, 1886 at the Mascoota Free Will Baptist Church. Pastor Tracy Kerr of the Mascoota Church welcomed the association and led ~~the~~ the singing of "O Come, Let Us Adore Him". Prayer was led by Bro Clark Lincoln.

The Clerk called the meeting to order. The asst moderator led in the responsive reading of the Church Covenant. The Church letters were read by the Clerk and the motion was made and sustained to ~~elect~~ ^{elect} delegates were selected the recommended delegates.

The moderator appointed the following Committees. Memorial Committee - Sisters Ruth Wells, Lela Shrum, and Bonnie Allen. Resolutions Committee - ~~Bro~~ Brother Mike Russell, Clark Lincoln, & Bill Crank.

The treasurer report was given by Sister Ginger Kerr. Balance on Hand as of July 13th 1886 was \$500.00. Motion was made and sustained to accept the report as given. The Clerk read the minutes of the April 96 meeting. Motion was made and sustained to ~~to~~ accept the minutes as read. The Clerk announced that copies of the 1886 Free Will Baptist yearbook, 1886 minutes of the Illinois State association meeting and copies of the Illinois State Constitution were available for each Church to pick up.

The moderator announced a short recess and Pastor Larry Cook led in prayer.

The meeting was called back into order by the moderator, Bro Dan Martin. Pastor Kerr led the congregation in singing "Follow On". Pastor

Herr brought a special. ~~Prayer~~ Pastor Bill Crank led in prayer. Brother David Shores brought the message using 1st Thessalonians 1: 1-14 and 1 Corinthians 6: 8-11 as ~~the~~ the Text.

The following reports were given.

Memorial Committee - Request a time of silent prayer in memory of those who have passed on. From Hazel Dell - Betty Cochran; from Rescue - Edith Young; from Peace - Sue Ringro and Inez Humphrey; and from Waltham - Ila Mae Maroqui. Request Bro David Baker close in prayer. Signed Sister Ruth Wells, Lela Shrum, and Bonnie Allen. Motion was made and sustained to accept the report. After a moment of silence Brother David Baker led in prayer.

Resolutions Committee - Whereas Disney Corporation has taken a stand in defiance of morality and families with its support of homosexuality in its theme parks and corporate policies and whereas our quarterly Conference stands for the Word of God and the morality that our Lord teaches. Be it resolved that we implore our member Churches to encourage their members to boycott Disney Corporation and its affiliates. Be it resolved that we as a quarterly body stand in thanks for the facilities, fellowship and food that the Hiascoatah Church has provided. Signed Michael J Russell, Clark D. Lincoln and Bill Crank. Motion was made and sustained to accept the report. The quarterly was encouraged to boycott Disney Corporation and its activities. A rising vote of thanks was given to the Hiascoatah Church for hosting the meeting.

Business Committee - The business committee suggests that the clerk make copies of the request submitted. Each copy should be sent to each church's pastor and each church member as needed. Letters received from Bill Clinton, Carol Moseley-Braun, Paul Simon, Jerry Costello, & Dick Durbin. Request to send along the written testimony of Vicki Stella, who is in opposition to H.B. 1833/S.

The committee nominates that Bill Crank fill the unexpired term of Ed Shrum on the business committee. Second Tracy Kerr, Mark Shous, & Ed Shrum. Motion was made and sustained to accept the report and act on each item individually. After some explanation of the letters received, motion was made and sustained to direct the clerk to make ~~make~~ copies of each response and mail one copy to each Pastor. Motion was made and sustained to elect Bill Crank to the unexpired term of Ed Shrum on the Business Committee.

The asst moderator, David Malone, ~~was~~ was asked to moderate the meeting. Brother Kerr led the congregation singing of "Let Us Just Praise the Lord." Brother Malone led a wonderful time of testimonies from the congregation. Special music was provided by Sister Sue King and the Mascoutah quartet. Bro Dan Martin brought the message using I John 5:1-5 as his text. Determining there was no further business Brother Dan Martin requested a motion to adjourn. That motion was made and sustained & Bro Mike Russell closed in prayer. Dan Martin, moderator, Ed Shrum, clerk
 adjourned - Oct 19, 1996

Minutes of the West Central Illinois District Association of Free Will Baptists. Convened on October 19th, 1986 at the Oak Grove Free Will Baptist Church. The Moderator, Bro Dan Martin, welcomed the association to Oak Grove. ~~Bro~~ Pastor Bill Clark led in prayer. Bro Dan led the congregation in singing "Is So Sweet to Trust in Jesus". The Clerk called the meeting to order and the moderator recognized the standing delegates and ^{the} appointed delegates from the last meeting. The Clerk led ~~to~~ in reading the Church Covenant responsively.

The Clerk read the church letters from all churches except Bethel and Oak Grove. Motion was made and sustained to accept the 8 letters read and seat the appointed delegates.

The moderator made the following committee appointments: Resolutions Committee - Clark Lincoln, Wesley Conner, Daniel Baker, Nominating Committee - Thelma Webb, Lorraine Clark, Geraldine Lewis. Auditing Committee - Tom Harmon, Robert Lewis, Bob Jasper. Prayers Committee - Mary Lynn Lewis, Pat Peterson, Teri Schmitt.

Sister Ginger Kerr gave the Treasurers report showing a balance on hand as of Oct 19, 1986 of \$500.00. Motion was made and sustained to accept the report as given. The Clerk read the minutes of the last meeting. Motion was made and sustained to accept the minutes as read. Bro Tom Harmon led in prayer and the moderator announced a short recess.

The meeting was called back to order as Bro Marion Wells led in singing "Come and Praise" and "at Calvary". Brother David Malone sang a special "The Easter Song". Bob Jasper

led in prayer and Bro Malone introduced Rev
 Travis Penn as the first speaker. He chose
 his text from Nehemiah Chaps 7 & 8 and spoke
 on the subject "Worship God in Proaching."

The following Committee reports were given:

Resolutions - Resolved, we give a rising
 vote of thanks to the Oak Grove F.W.B.
 Church for hosting today's meeting. Signed
 Clark Lincoln, Wesley Conner, and David
 Baker. Motion was made and sustained to
 accept the report and the delegates stood
 in appreciation of the Oak Grove Church.

Memorial Committee - We the memorial
 Committee request a moment of silent prayer
 in memory of Brother Ricky Thompson, of
 the Hazel Dell Church, also we wish
 Bob Harrison to close in prayer. Signed
 Thelma Webb, Lorraine Crank, Geraldine Lewis.
 Motion was made and sustained to accept the
 report. The congregation stood in a moment of
 silence and Brother Bob Harrison led in prayer.

Auditing Committee - We the auditing Committee,
 having looked at the treasurer's ~~books~~ records
 find them to be a true and correct report. We
 recommend the Treasurer keep a running total
 of the current balance in the checkbook to
 make future audits easier. Respectfully
 submitted Marilyn Irwin, Pat Peterson, and
 Teri Schmidt. Motion was made and
 sustained to accept the Committee report.

Nominating Committee - The following names
 were nominated - Moderator - Dan Martin,
 Asst Moderator - David Malone, Clerk - Edna
 Schmidt, Treasurer - Ginger Kerr, Examining

Board - David Baker for a 3 year term to replace
Byford Campbells whose term expired. Business
Committee - Tracy Herr for a 3 year term to
replace himself since his term had expired.
Motion was made and sustained to accept the
report. Motion was made and sustained
to elect the nominated slate of officers by acclamation.
The Credentials board and the Business Committee
did not provide reports.

David Shores gave a report on the state activities.
Bro Outland gave a report on Camp activities. Bro
Crunk gave a report on the Bethel Church following
their fire. David Malone reported the Peace Church
is beginning a building project and the Oak Grove
Church reported they were beginning a project to
build on to the current ~~building~~ building.

Brother Wells led in singing "To the work" and
"Some thing worth living for" Special music,
"He Touched Me" was given by Bro Steve
Utley.

Brother Gene Outland ~~brought~~ brought the
message ~~on~~ from Matthew Chap 6 focusing on
Reed.

The Clerk announced the next meeting would be
held at Mason F.W.B. ^{Church} on Jan 18th, 1997. ~~Bro~~
~~Bob Johnson~~ Motion was made and sustained to
adjourn and Bro Bob Irvine closed in prayer
asking the blessing on the meal. ^{Dan Martin} ^{Richard}
^{6:00} ^{John} ^{Schmidt} Clerk
Approved Jan 18th, 1997.