

Minutes of West Central Illinois District Association—January 19, 2008

The January meeting of the West Central Illinois District Association convened at Rescue FWB Church in Whittington with moderator Bro. Bryant Harris welcoming the folks and calling the delegates to order for business. Bro. Tim Crawford from Bear Point led in prayer. Bro. Steve Gray from Discovery Church led in the reading of the church covenant. Bro. Bryant recognized the standing delegates. The clerk presented the information from the church letters. Harlon Keel, Sr. from Peace died this quarter. College students this quarter are Chad Mishler from Bethel and Jennifer and Valerie Gibson from Hazel Dell. Motion was passed to seat the church delegates. Bro. Bryant appointed Bro. Jim LeVault and Bro. Mark Kash to serve on the Business Committee with Bro. Bob Harrison. He appointed Bro. Larry Cook, Bro. Karel Smith and Bro. Raymond Capps to serve on the Examining Board.

During the worship service Bro. Tom Harmon led the singing followed by Andrea Harris singing "I'm Free." Bro. John Pratt, new pastor at Oak Grove, challenged us to have a "Warrior's Heart" in his sermon.

Following the break for committee work and fellowship the minutes and treasurer's reports were read and approved. The Business Committee recommended that Bro. Ron Malone be approved as Executive Board Member for the coming year. Motions were made and Bro. Malone elected. The Examining Board recommended the following:

1. That we recognize Jay Hollis' ordination from General Baptist and issue him credentials from Free Will Baptists.
2. We issue cards of good standing to the following:

Raymond Capps
Stephen Gray
Bryant Harris
Corey Penn
John Pratt
Karel Smith
Johnny Hollis
Billy Gene Outland
Jay D. Hollis
Randall Steelman (Licensed)
Joshua Ham
Ricky Ham
David Mishler
Larry C. Cook
Randall Kash
Jon Cannon

Items #1 and #2 were approved by the delegates.

The following volunteers will be delegates for the State Meeting in March: Jane Harmon, Tom Green, Pete Urbonas, Gladys Smith, Mark Kash, Denise Gray, Linda Williams, Phyllis Kash and Rhonda Rone.

Bro. David Shores, in his promotional secretary's report, challenged us to participate in the offering for World Missions in April. Bro. Stephen Gray made a motion to give Bro. Jay Hollis \$150.00 in traveling expenses for his trip to this meeting. The motion passed. Bro. Hollis gave us a short description of his work in Georgia. The meeting was adjourned with prayer by Mike Kuhner. The next meeting will be April 19th at Hazel Dell Church.

Bro. Bryant Harris, moderator
Jane Harmon, clerk

Minutes of West Central Illinois District Association—April 19, 2008

The April meeting of the West Central Illinois District Association convened at the Hazel Dell FWB Church with Bro. Johnny Hollis welcoming us and opening the service with prayer. Moderator Bro. Bryant Harris called the meeting to order and led in the reading of the church covenant. He recognized the standing delegates and those still active from our last meeting. A motion was made and passed to seat the church delegates for this meeting. The minutes were read and approved and FWB Yearbooks distributed. The clerk presented the information from the church letters. Bro. Donald Galloway from Hazel Dell died this quarter. College students this quarter are Chad Mishler from Bethel and Jennifer and Valerie Gibson from Hazel Dell. The treasurer's report was read and approved.

Following a break for fellowship and committee work the Credentials Committee recommended that Daniel Renfro be approved for ordination. Motion was made and passed to that effect.

The following Business Committee items were presented and passed:

1. Change the date of our July meeting to August 2.
2. Pay Bro. Harlan Johnson \$75.00 for speaking today.
3. Entertain the possibility of a team from our district going to New Durham, New Hampshire on July 7-11 to work on the Ridge Church.
4. Find out the churches' decision on the redistricting proposal. Motion was made and passed to have each church respond with their decision at the August 2nd meeting.
5. That an offering will be taken today for the World Missions Offering.

The clerk asked that pictures and obituaries of deceased members be sent to her by the church clerks each quarter in order for the deceased to be honored at the next State Meeting. The meeting was adjourned with prayer by Bro. Raymond Capps. The next meeting will be at Heritage Church in Springfield on Aug. 2nd.

Bro. Rusty Miller led the congregational singing and his son, Caleb, played the piano for the offertory. Kyle Miller played the prelude at the beginning of the meeting. Bro. Harlan Johnson from the Benton First Church spoke from Thessalonians about encouraging one another.

Bro. Bryant Harris, moderator
Jane Harmon, clerk

Minutes of West Central Illinois District Association—August 2, 2008

The August meeting of the West Central Illinois District Association convened at Heritage FWB Church in Springfield with Bro. Karel Smith welcoming the folks and leading in prayer. Sis. Khrystal Hay led the folks in singing "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms." Bro. Steve Gray from Discovery Church led us in the reading of the church covenant. Moderator Bro. Bryant Harris recognized the standing delegates. The clerk presented the information from the church letters. Chad Mishler from Bethel and Valerie and Jennifer Gibson from Hazel Dell are studying at FWBBC. There were no deaths this quarter. Motions were made and passed to approve the letters. There was no treasurer's report due to technical difficulties. Bro. Harris appointed Bro. Ron Malone and Bro. Tom Harmon to serve on the Business Committee for this meeting.

Following the break for food and fellowship, Bro. Ben Harmony sang "Watch What My God Can Do" and "Calvary's the Reason Why." Sister Hay then sang "Come Before Him." Bro. Karel's message on change was based on Exodus 14:5-18. He encouraged us to pray when prayer is needed and to act when action is required.

Returning to business, the Business Committee submitted the following report:

1. To change Article 1 of the Constitution and By-laws to read: "this district shall be called the Rend Lake District and shall be composed of such consistent, well-regulated Free Will Baptist Churches as shall unite in this compact and agree to this constitution."
2. That we accept the letter of withdrawal from the churches who will make up the Metro-East District: Bethel, Discovery Mission, Heritage, Peace and Victory
3. The balance of our treasury will be divided equally between the churches and the mission church once the Metro-East District is organized.
4. Our moderator be given power to appoint an executive board member to fill the vacancy created by this move.

Item 1 calls for a constitutional change, and a motion was made to table this item until the next meeting. Motion passed. Motion was made and passed to accept the letter of withdrawal. Motion passed to divide the treasury equally. Bro. Harris appointed Bro. Matt Lappin as the executive board member.

Bro. Tom Harmon gave a report on his mission trip to Russia and encouraged those who were interested to join the group going to paint the Ridge Church in New Hampshire. Bro. Steve Gray shared with us about the Discovery work and thanked us for helping him. Bro. Bryant voiced appreciation to the Heritage Church for their work and hospitality in hosting us today. He then commended The Metro-East churches for beginning their new endeavor and thanked them for the work they had accomplished in the West Central District. He likened their move as to Paul and Barnabas being separated from the group and asked Bro. Larry Cook to pray for the new district's members.

The next meeting will be October 18th at Nason. The meeting was adjourned.

Bro. Bryant Harris, moderator
Jane Harmon, clerk