

Minutes
of
The West Virginia
State Meeting
of
The Free Will Baptist Church



2nd Annual Session
Held With
The Thomas Memorial Church
Huntington, W. Va.
June 6th, 7th, 1947

MINUTES

FRIDAY, JUNE 6, 1917 — 9:40 A. M.

Rev. R. B. Crawford in charge of devotional. Song, "I Need Thee Every Hour" by the congregation. Scripture, Psalms 1. Prayer Rev. Homer Nelson, State Evangelist of the Ohio State Association. Song, "Something for Jesus" by the congregation. Moderator, Rev. John M. Henson, took charge. Rev. J. S. Sexton elected moderator for the coming year. Assistant moderator, Rev. John M. Henson. Motion carried to postpone the election of the Executive Board until a fuller delegation is present. Rev. W. C. Combs reelected as clerk for the coming year. Brother F. E. Nicholas was elected treasurer, pro-tem in the absence of the regular treasurer.

The program was adopted as submitted, with the necessary substitutions.

A motion carried to postpone the election of State Secretary until after he makes his report tomorrow at 2:15 P. M.

A report was received from Rev. Clarence Herles, Corresponding Messenger, from the Ohio State Association.

Also a report by Rev. Homer Nelson. A motion carried to elect a Resolutions Committee. Elected as follows: Rev. D. W. French, Chairman; Rev. G. E. Pauley, and Rev. C. S. Pennington.

A motion carried that the above named Committee act on all temperance questions also.

A motion carried to adjourn business until 2:00 P. M.

Welcome address by Rev. D. E. Bias, pastor of host church. Response, Rev. W. C. Combs. Song, "He Is So Precious To Me" by the congregation, while a handshake was in progress. Song, "I'd Rather Have Jesus" by Rev. Homer Nelson. Song, "What A Friend We Have In Jesus" by the congregation. Rev. C. S. Pennington led devotional and sang "I Am A Little Preacher."

Scripture, Psalms 133. Song, "Onward Christian Soldiers" by the congregation. Prayer, Rev. Clarence Herles. Sermon by the Rev. John M. Henson. A wonderful message, on "Moving Forward In Jesus' Name" was enjoyed by all. Song "Leaning On the Everlasting Arms" by the congregation. Benediction by the Rev. D. W. French.



FRIDAY, 2:00 P. M.

Song, "My Faith Looks Up To Thee," the congregation. Prayer by the Rev. J. S. Sexton. Scripture, 1 Cor. 13, by the Moderator.

On the subject of "Our Hopes for the Future As A State Organization," Rev. D. W. French gave a good talk.

Home Mission Board report given by Rev. John M. Henson. Accepted by motion. Foreign Mission Board report given by Rev. G. E. Pauley with comment by Brother Henson. Brother Pauley reported \$3.00 on hand. Accepted by motion.

Superannuation Board report by Rev. D. E. Bias and Rev. John M. Henson. Accepted by motion.

Executive Board elected as follows: Rev. D. W. French, Beckley Q. M.; Rev. D. E. Bias, Brotherhood Q. M.; Rev. C. S. Pennington, Tug River Q. M.; Rev. Henry Simpkins, McDowell Q. M.

A motion carried to elect an Executive Board member pro-tem until members come in from other Quarterly Meetings in order to have a five man board. Rev. P. J. Moore elected.

A motion carried to suspend the rules of order and the Moderator be empowered to appoint someone to serve in the capacity of chairman, as proxy for Brother French during his absence. Rev. T. C. Morgan appointed to this position.

Rev. Jessie Blankenship, treasurer, reported a balance of \$27.36 to date. This report accepted by motion.

Song, "Love of God" by Brother Nelson. Rev. Jessie Blankenship reelected as treasurer. A motion carried to receive letters separately. Tug River Association letter read and accepted. McDowell District Association letter read and accepted. Yearly Meeting letter read and accepted. State Sunday School Convention letter read and carried. Day's minutes read and approved by motion. A motion carried to adjourn. Song, "Amazing Grace" by the congregation. Adjourned at 3:55 P. M.

FRIDAY, 7:30 P. M.

A fine song service, including several quartet songs, as well as congregational singing, was followed by a good talk on the "Great Commission" by Brother Harold Dunlap.



SATURDAY, 9:15 A. M.

Song, "Wonderful Words of Life" by the congregation. Prayer by the Rev. Jessie Blankenship. Song, "Tell It to Jesus" by the congregation. Scripture, Psalms 23 by the moderator.

Rev. Melvin Sanford was duly elected to the Executive Board from Mingo No. 2 Q. M. to which office Rev. P. J. Moore had been temporarily elected.

Letter from the Southern District Association read and received by the body. A talk by Rev. R. B. Crawford concerning various information of the work of the organization was heard and received by motion.

REPORT OF THE RESOLUTION COMMITTEE

A motion carried that the report be read and received item by item.

1. We resolve to take up the matter of prohibition with our law making bodies, making it clear that this organization will support the man or group of men who will use his or their influence against the use or sale of intoxicating beverages; recommending also that the clerk do this correspondence.

A motion was sustained to accept this resolution. An amendment was made to the resolution, changing the wording from "men" to "man or group of men" as it is recorded above. A motion carried to amend the resolution. The motion containing the amendment then voted upon and carried.

2. We resolve that the clerk be authorized to write to the President of the United States of America, in the name of this organization, requesting him to recall his Personal Representative to the Vatican, as we are opposed to coalition of church and state.

The above resolution accepted by motion.

Next Session Committee elected as follows: Brother J. W. Mullins, Chairman; Brother Roy Henson, and Rev. P. J. Moore.

Delegates to the Ohio State Association elected: Rev. T. C. Morgan and Brother Roy Henson.

Delegates to Kentucky State Association elected: Rev. D. E. Bias, Rev. Melvin Sanford, and Rev. Frank Johnson.

The talk on "Prograss of Foreign Missions" as scheduled was omitted on account of the absence of the speaker.

Report of Board of Education by Brother Henson. \$32.56 turned in to Brother Crawford since last State Meeting. Accepted by motion. Prayer by Brother F. E. Nicholas. Adjourned business until 2:00 P. M. Rev. P. J. Moore in charge of devotional. Testimony by Rev. D. W. French. Song, "Beautiful" by the congregation. An interesting message by Rev. R. B. Crawford was given on the subject, "Joshua the Servant of the Lord," Joshua 24, 29. Prayer by the Rev. Melvin Sanford. Song, "Yonder in Glory" by quartet led by Brother J. W. Mullins. Benediction by Rev. T. C. Morgan.



SATURDAY, 2:00 P. M.

Song, "Wonderful Words of Life" by the congregation. Prayer by Rev. Oliver Privett. Scripture, Daniel 12 by the moderator. Report of Brother John M. Henson, State Field Secretary: Sermons 185, expense \$214.86, confessions 24, baptized 1, revivals 9, funerals 3, received \$849.42. Received by motion.

The chairman of the Next Session Committee reported that the next session will be at the Kilsyth Free Will Baptist Church, Kilsyth, West Virginia, beginning Friday before the second Sunday in June 1948, at 9:00 A. M.

Election of the committee members as follows: Foreign Mission Board, Rev. Kenneth Brown; Home Mission Board, Rev. Oliver Privett; Board of Education, Rev. D. E. Bias, Rev. P. J. Moore; Board of Superannuation, Rev. Frank Johnson.

The office of Rev. W. R. Harmon as member of the Board of Trustees was declared vacant and Rev. J. S. Sexton elected to this office. Rev. John M. Henson was reelected as State Field Secretary. A motion carried to the effect that the Executive Board shall act as Program Committee.

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REPORT OF THE BUSINESS COMMITTEE

1. Recommended that all bills be paid as follows: Postage and stationery for clerk, \$1.65; To clerk for legal information for State Meeting, \$5.00; To Rev. John M. Henson for programs, \$7.32 Total, \$13.97. Accepted by motion.

2. Recommend that a session of the Christian Worker's Institute be held at the Thomas Memorial Church, Huntington, West Virginia. Accepted by motion.

3. Recommended that a committee be appointed to work out letter forms according to the information desired and the Treatise of Faith. Same to be placed in the hands of the clerks of the various associations. Accepted by motion and committee appointed as follows: Rev. W. C. Combs, Chairman; Rev. D. E. Bias, and Rev. Melvin Sanford.

4. Recommended that the clerk be paid \$10.00 for services each session. Accepted by motion.

5. Recommended that the State Meeting collect a minimum of \$5.00 from each Q. M. for the purpose of purchasing property so situated that additional property may be acquired as necessary, for the purpose of a permanent meeting place, a future State Orphanage or anything that the organization might deem necessary. Accepted by motion.

6. Recommend that the State Meeting give a standing vote of thanks to the Thomas Memorial Church, its pastor, and the Woman's Auxillary for their hospitality during this session. Accepted by motion and the vote taken.

A motion carried to draw an order on the treasury for \$35.00 to be sent with the proper delegation to the National Association. Delegates: Brother and Sister F. E. Nicholas, Brother and Sister Roy Henson, Brother E. E. Hagley,, Brother and Sister J. W. Mullins, Sister Maggie Bias, Sister Mary Henson, and Sister Edna Woods were duly elected.

The report of the delegation to the National Association was read and accepted.

7. Recommended that Rev. D. E. Bias make all arrangements and set the time for the Christian Worker's Institute and furnish this information to Rev. R. B. Crawford. Accepted by motion.

8. Recommended that minutes be printed and sent to the clerks of the respective bodies. Expense to be paid by State Meeting treasury. Accepted and a motion carried to have 500 copies printed.

9. Recommended that since all boards have their own treasurers, all money received by any board shall be taken care of by its treasurer and a report of the same shall be given to the State Meeting. Accepted by motion.

A motion carried that the clerk send circular letters to the clerks of the various associations, informing them of the above action and requesting their cooperation.

A motion that the \$3.00 in the possession of Rev. John M. Henson, received from Rev. G. E. Pauley for Foreign Mission Board, be turned over to Rev. R. B. Crawford.

Closing prayer by the Rev. Ballard Daniel.

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FINANCIAL REPORT

Amount in treasury at beginning of this session.....	\$ 27.36
Receipts.....	\$ 109.36
Total.....	\$ 136.72
Expenditures.....	\$ 58.97
Balance	\$ 77.75

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OFFICERS AND BOARDS

Moderator—Rev. J. S. Sexton, Raysel, West Virginia; Clerk—Rev. W. C. Combs, Crab Orchard, West Virginia; Treasurer—Rev. Jessie Blankenship, Box 470, Holden, West Virginia; Field Secretary—Rev. John M. Henson, Box 131, Hurricane, West Virginia.

EXECUTIVE BOARD

(Chairman?)
Rev. D. W. French, Crab Orchard, West Virginia, Beckley Q. M.; Rev. D. E. Bias, 531 Buffington Street, Huntington, West Virginia, Brotherhood Q. M.; Rev. C. S. Pennington, Matewan, West Virginia, Tug River Q. M.; Rev. Henry Simpkins, Jolo, West Virginia, McDowell Q. M.; Rev. Melvin Sanford, Stone Coal, West Virginia, Mingo Number 2 Q. M.



Rev. James Napier, Williamson, Route 1, W. Va., chairman
FOREIGN MISSION BOARD

Rev. Carl Vallance, Monaville, West Virginia, two year man;
~~Rev. Sam Clay, Box 457, Holden, West Virginia, one year man;~~
Rev. Kenneth Brown, Canebrake, West Virginia, three year man.

E. N. Withrow, Cyclone, W. Va.
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~~man;~~ Rev. Brooks Spurlock, Box 15, Crites, West Virginia, two
year man; Rev. Oliver Privett, Box 456, Logan, West Virginia,
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chair ~~Rev. P. J. Moore, Lynco, West Virginia, one year man;~~ Rev.
John M. Henson, Box 131, Hurricane, West Virginia, two year
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Virginia, three year man.

Rev. Ernest Bias, Naama, W. Va.
BOARD OF SUPERANNUATION

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Rev. Melvin Sanford, Stone Coal, West Virginia, two year man;
Rev. Frank Johnson, Stone Coal, West Virginia, three year man.

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Rev. Oliver Privett, Clerk, Box 456, Logan, West Virginia; Rev.
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Hurricane, West Virginia; Rev. J. S. Sexton, Raysel, West Virginia.

