

**Minutes of the VAFWB Executive Board Meeting
February 03, 2020**

In attendance: Bruce Barnes, Don Hellms, Gary Hill, Marty Puckett, Mark Crews, Daniel Smith, David Sexton, Jay Baines, Brent Patrick, and Glen Johnson.

Bruce Barnes opened the meeting with prayer and devotion. The devotion focused on prayer in Matt. 7.7-8: "Ask, Seek, Knock."

Prayer requests were taken and Gary Hill led in prayer.

Motion was made and seconded to elect Daniel Smith to fill the remaining term of clerk until the time of the State Meeting. Motion carried.

David Sexton announced the agenda for the meeting, which consisted of electing the nominating and credentialing committee and then the reading of reports.

Gary Hill asked to and agreed to serve as chair of nominating committee. Glen Johnson and Jay Baines were both asked to and agreed to serve on nominating committee as well. Motion made and seconded to accept these men as members of the nominating committee. Motion carried.

The Virginia Mission Board's report from David Mizelle was read by Bruce Barnes. Motion was made and seconded to receive the reports as information. Motion carried.

No report was received from the Free Will Baptist Family Ministries other than Jo White has resigned.

No CTS report was received. Discussion was made as to whether or not a CTS director should be elected. Barnes was nominated to provide information and help to those interested in CTS.

No report was available from the clerk but minutes from 2019 were made available as a draft in hard copy as well as on-line. Motion made and seconded to receive minutes as information. Motion carried.

Brent Patrick provided a hard copy of the Treasurer's Report. It is noted that church dues are increasing this year to \$225 per church and that dues should be in by the time of the State Meeting. The budget for Grace Mission for 2020 was proposed and discussed as well as how to raise money to support the ministry. Motion made and seconded to accept report. Motion carried.

The report of the Promotional Director was presented by Bruce Barnes indicating ministry objectives accomplished since the last State Meeting in June 2019, ministry objectives envisioned up to the state meeting in June 2020, and ministry needs. The new Grace Outreach

application was reviewed by Bruce Barnes. Motion made and seconded to accept report. Motion carried.

Paul Collins offered the Harvest FWB Childcare Ministry Annual Report for 2020. It was proposed that Rev. Jennings Dodson be recognized for his nearly fifty years of service at the State Meeting. Motion made and seconded to accept report. Motion carried.

Regarding the State Meeting for 2020, Brent Patrick offered thoughts on changes that may help improve the State Meeting. Bringing in a youth conference to coincide with the conference, using a hotel in a central location with a conference room, and a time slotted for VA missionaries and national representatives were discussed. The decision was made that Bruce Barnes and Brent Patrick would collect information on costs for the State Meeting in relation to hotel costs with conference rooms.

“Striving Together (Phil. 1.27)” was discussed as a proposed theme for the State Meeting.

The proposed schedule for the state meeting was discussed as follows:

THURSDAY

Registration at 9:30 AM Prayer Meeting at 10:30 AM

Bible Conference at 11 AM – Marc Neppl (“Theme Striving Together, Phil. 1.27”)

Bible conference at 1 – 3 PM (It was proposed to give Bruce Barnes the opportunity as the main speaker to preach on “Team Oriented Evangelism” at 1 PM and then explain the Grace Outreach program at 2 PM)

Business and National Leaders at 6:30 PM (It was proposed to offer Eddie Moody as the main speaker to speak on the theme of “Better Together”)

FRIDAY

9 - 11 AM Prayer, Scripture Reading, and Business

Break

11 AM Missions Service – David Osbourne

Motion was made and seconded to accept the above stated proposed schedule and theme for the State Meeting. Motion carried.

The State Positions to be filled for 2021 were discussed and the following recommendations were made:

Moderator – Glen Johnson

Assistant Moderator – David Sexton

Clerk – Daniel Smith

Assistant Clerk – Jay Baines

Treasurer – Brent Patrick

Assistant Treasurer – Jay Baines

State Director – Bruce Barnes

Executive Board – Brandon Baber, Michael Kernodle

Home Missions Board – Paul Collins, David Sexton (Terms expire 2024)

FWB Family Ministries Board Members – Brent Patrick (to fill unexpired term and then accept new term beginning at the State Meeting 2020)

Motion made and seconded for the above named individuals to fill the above positions beginning at State Meeting 2020. Motion carried.

Motion made and seconded for Brent Patrick to fill out Jo White's term on the FWB Family Ministries Board until State Meeting 2020. Motion carried.

Discussion was made regarding how to raise money to keep the promotional office out of the red. J. Baines, Asst. Clerk, agreed to make calls to all the association conference moderators to build support to strengthen VA Free Will Baptist's through strengthening the State Promotional Office with a view to raising funds at the 2020 State Meeting for the Promotional Office.

On April 10, 2020, the VAFWB executive board met via Zoom.

In attendance were Glen Johnson, Gary Hill, Brent Patrick, Mark Crews, Bruce Barnes, Marty Puckett.

Moderator David Sexton called for an Executive Board Meeting on Zoom to discuss whether the state association should apply for the Payroll Protection Program for the promotional director. The meeting was opened with prayer by Dr. Barnes, and then discussion began. Specific questions were presented and answered relating to the process, amounts to be applied for, and procedure for applying. The board approved to make the application. Dr. Barnes was approved to be the authorized agent for completing the process on behalf of the executive board. Brent Patrick, treasurer, volunteered to forward banking information needed for the application with BB&T. The meeting then adjourned. The minutes of this meeting were recorded by Bruce Barnes.

On April 30, 2020, the executive board met via Zoom to consider the following items:

Housing Adjustment: The need to reduce the state promotional director's housing allowance to \$16,200 for 2021 was discussed. Motion was made, seconded, and carried to reduce the allowance as indicated above.

Reimbursement: Reimbursement for the state promotional director's air fare to the National Convention in the amount of \$800 was discussed. Motion was made, seconded, and carried to reimburse the air fare in the amount indicated above.

State Meeting for 2020: Regarding the annual State Meeting for 2020, two decisions were made:

Decision 1: Discussion was made as to whether the physical gathering in Roanoke take place June 18-19. Motion was made, seconded, and carried that the physical meeting should not take place in Roanoke June 18-19.

Decision 2: Discussion was made as to what type of replacement should be pursued, since the physical meeting will not take place. Dr. Barnes proposed having the state meeting online. The following were all discussed:

Timeframe – June 18-19.

Reports – Videoed. Observations emailed regarding reports for the executive board to consider.

Missions – Have brief video highlights from each missionary.

National Rep. – For those desiring to participate, have a 3-5 minute greeting from those dept.'s.

Music – Recordings from various churches.

MC – State moderator.

Preaching – Dr. Moody and State Moderator would preach.

Online Schedule

Motion was made, seconded, and carried to have the State Meeting online as outline above.

In attendance were Martin Puckett, David Sexton, Bruce Barnes, Daniel Smith, Gary Hill, Jay Baines, and Mark Crews.

This concludes my report as clerk. Thank you for your attention. I pray God's blessings, strength, and wisdom on you and your churches as you seek to minister the Word of God.