Executive Committee

Minutes Summary

**February 21, 2023**

The Executive Committee met at the Executive Office in Conway on February 21, 2023, (10am). Members present: David Taylor, Tim Landers, Kevin Barnett, Ben Campbell, and Amy Fitzgerald. Tim Landers called the meeting to order, and Ben Campbell led the opening prayer.

Minutes from the November 28, 2022, meeting was reviewed. Kevin Barnett made a motion, seconded by Ben Campbell, to accept the minutes as presented. Motion carried.

The 2023 State Meeting was discussed. Date: May 22-23, 2003. Location: Camp Beaverfork, Conway. The overall theme: Heaven (John 14:1-6). Speakers and topics were set.

Tim Landers informed the committee that Michael Brashear agreed to lead the music. Kevin Barnett made a motion, seconded by Ben Campbell, to pay travel expenses and an honorarium. All approved.

David Taylor noted that a gift will be given to everyone that pre-registers for the convention.

Display tables / booths will be available. State and national departments connected to Free Will Baptist will be given first choice. It was noted that the Mission Board declined to host a Monday evening meal. An offering will be received on Monday night of the State Meeting. The funds will be applied wherever needed.

Future state meetings were discussed with a discipleship theme for 2024 and 2025. The committee reviewed and discussed the following reports: ARFWB Cooperative Plan Budget 6-Year History; Cooperative Plan – Yearly Chart; 2024 Cooperative Budget & Percentages Worksheet; ARFWB Division Open Accounts; and State Divisions Budget Proposals & Letters.

Kevin Barnett made a motion, seconded by Ben Campbell, and carried to set the 2024 Cooperative Budget and Percentages as follows:

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| Cooperative Budget |  |  $ 600,000  |
| Ministers' Retirement |  |  $ 18,000  |
| Balance |  |  $ 582,000  |
| ARFWB (70%) |  |  |
|  Executive Division (25.5%) |  $ 148,410  |  |
|  Missions Division (18.5%) |  $ 107,670  |  |
|  ASM Division (21%) |  $ 122,220  |  |
|  CEM Division (3%) |  $ 17,460  |  |
|  AWM Division (2%) |  $ 11,640 |  |
|  Total ARFWB Budget |  |  $ 407,400 |
| NAFWB (30%) |  |  $ 174,600  |

David Taylor provided reference material for State Meeting planning purposes. Tim Landers asked for clarification on who should respond to questions at the State Meeting during the business meeting. It was noted that the chairman of each board should answer questions relating to those departments. Tim can answer questions that relate to the Executive Committee.

We are tentatively planning to meet via zoom on March 28th. Ben Campbell made a motion, seconded by Kevin Barnett, to adjourn the meeting at 12:05 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Fitzgerald, Clerk

**March 31, 2023**

The Executive Committee met via zoom on March 31, 2023 (10am). Members present: David Taylor, Tim Landers, Kevin Barnett, Ben Campbell, and Amy Fitzgerald. Tim Landers called the meeting to order. He read Psalm 119:133 and led the opening prayer.

The 2023 State Meeting was discussed. Tim Landers stated he will follow Robert’s Rule of Order. Time limits will be set on the reports that are given.

David Taylor asked Kevin Barnett to provide the Executive Committee Report and Jason Sullivan to provide the Executive Board Report at the State Meeting. He also stated that he will send out a list of Committee on Committees. Once pre-registration ends on May 5th, we can choose the committee from the group that pre-registers.

Michael Brashear will provide the music for the State Meeting. He will also do a 15-minute mini-concert on Monday night, starting at 6:45.

David Taylor noted that the Hispanic Association, which organized in March 2023, may petition to become a new association with the state, during the new business at the State Meeting.

The committee discussed having a theme of discipleship for the 2024 State Meeting. The theme will be Discipleship. Topics were discussed. The committee also discussed providing breakout sessions for the 2024 State Meeting.

David Taylor noted that the Financial Review will be completed in April. He will set up a meeting to review the review when it is received. He is ordering the book, “The Submissive Christian” by Robert Picirilli, as a gift to everyone that pre-registers and attends the State Meeting. He also asked that we encourage the district clerks to send in their reports to the state office.

We are tentatively planning a zoom meeting during the second week of May to discuss any final details of the State Meeting.

Ben Campbell made a motion, seconded by Kevin Barnett, to adjourn the meeting at 11:13 a.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Fitzgerald, Clerk

**May 3, 2023**

The Executive Committee held a May 3, 2023, zoom meeting (4pm). Members present: David Taylor, Tim Landers, Kevin Barnett, Ben Campbell, and Amy Fitzgerald. Tim Landers called the meeting to order.

David Taylor presented the Arkansas State Association of Free Will Baptist, Inc. Financial Statements with Independent Accountants’ Review Report, prepared by Stan Parks, CPA. Kevin Barnett and Amy Fitzgerald suggested revisions to the report. David will send those revisions to Stan and provide the committee with the final version, once completed.

Kevin Barnett made a motion, seconded by Amy Fitzgerald, to approve the financial review, which unanimously passed.

David Taylor discussed the projected construction cost of the new administrative office. It was noted that pre-registration ends on Friday. A list of those pre-registered will be shared so that we can select the Committee on Committees.

Welch College is not attending the State Meeting this year, so they are going to provide a video. Travis Alexander is obtaining videos from our missionaries for the State Meeting.

Tim Landers adjourned the meeting at 4:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Fitzgerald, Clerk

**November 16, 2023**

The Executive Committee held a zoom meeting November 16, 2023, (10am). Members present: Tim Landers, David Taylor, Kevin Barnett, Ben Campbell, and Amy Fitzgerald. The meeting was called to order by Tim Landers. Ben Campbell led the opening prayer.

The 2024 State Meeting was discussed. It will be held on May 20th - 21st at Camp Beaverfork. There will be three services. The committee selected a three-year theme: “Go Therefore and Make Disciples.”

Discussion was made on ways to promote the theme. A panel during one session was also discussed, as well as supplying resources relating to our theme for the attendees.

Tim asked the committee to email a list of individuals that are successful in discipleship for potential speakers.

Tim Landers recommended that we rearrange some of the reports at the State Meeting. The State Meeting Budget was discussed and set at $6,000.

The next meeting will be a zoom meeting on December 15th (2pm). David provided eight 2023-2025 reports for the committee as information and to review.

Tim Landers adjourned the meeting at 11:05 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Fitzgerald, Clerk

**December 15, 2023**

The Executive Committee met via zoom on December 15, 2023 (2pm). Members present: Tim Landers, David Taylor, Kevin Barnett, Ben Campbell, and Amy Fitzgerald. Tim Landers called the meeting to order and led the opening prayer.

The 2024 State Meeting was discussed. It will be held on May 20th - 21st at Camp Beaverfork and will include three services. There will be a discipleship theme over the next three years. The three-year themes include the following: Year 1: Preparing for Discipleship; Year 2: Practical Discipleship; and Year 3: Producing Discipleship.

A 2025 speaker was discussed. The following were selected as speakers for the 2024 State Meeting: Kevin Barnett, Ben Gibson, and Blaine Rogers.

On Monday night and possibly Tuesday night, we will incorporate panel discussions. The format would include a personal testimony, a devotion, and a panel discussion. The panel will include Kevin Barnett, Ben Gibson, Blaine Rogers, Will Harmon, and Nick Coleman. Tim Landers will facilitate the discussions. We plan to have some questions in writing and invite the attendees to ask questions as well. It was suggested that we address the fact that this is a different format than we are accustomed to. It was noted that we can address some of the questions that are received in the Vision.

David informed the committee that we have now exceeded the cooperative budget for 2023. We have currently reached $606,818.18. He also distributed the 2023 ECFA State of Giving Report. It provides an outlook for giving to non-profit organizations.

The next meeting will be at the First Free Will Baptist, Walnut Ridge on December 15th (10am). David provided seven 2023-2025 reports for the committee’s information and review.

Tim Landers adjourned the meeting at 3:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Fitzgerald, Clerk