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Digest of Reports



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Audit Committee Report

April 3, 2017

We the Audit committee have examined the books of the following:

Christian Education Board
Senior Adult Ministries Board
Youth Ministries Board

We found them to present fairly the financial position of each respective board as of December 31, 2016. We commend each treasurer for keeping their books in good order.



Warren Hall



Russell Johnson



Dan Talbott

MOFWB Executive Office

“Lord we thank you for letting us do what we get to do!” This prayer is repeated very regularly by myself and Frank Webster our state missions director during our morning prayer time. 2016 was a good year. Financially, God blessed our churches which in turn, benefits state, national, and international ministries. For the first time Missouri COOP surpassed the \$800,000 mark. Thank you for your faithfulness in making our State Association a positive example of generosity, cooperation and stewardship among all Free Will Baptists.

During the year I was able to visit all of our associations at least once and some more often. It was also a joy to meet several times with a fine group of spiritual leaders in the Marshfield/Seymour area. These learning sessions are an encouragement to me as much as them.

You, as a state association did a very fine job of hosting the National Convention in Kansas City. The meeting was very well attended and Missouri laymen and ministers did a very commendable job of serving our denomination. I want to thank the MOFWB Steering Committee for serving us well.

In September the Generations FWB Church served as the venue for the Embers to a Flame church revitalization conference. Fifty three pastors and leaders participated, which we trust will mark a difference in the spiritual vitality of our congregations.

We are blessed to be able to see the youth of our churches challenged to godly commitment during the E3 (Equip, Evaluate & Encourage), CTS Ministry Expo, Missions Conferences, Youth Camp and other events. Our Senior Adults are being challenged to include youth camp volunteer ministry, local church prayer meetings and estate planning stewardship as part of their ministry involvement along with the annual retreat. Missions awareness, giving and involvement are increasing. A group of Missouri pastors and laymen volunteered and installed a 5000 square foot roof on a church in Panama in 3 ½ days. The annual minister’s retreat is seeing more attendees each year, with excellent speakers refreshing our spiritual leaders with encouraging biblical truth.

I want to thank Carrie Myers for her hard work, along with the Executive Committee and General Board for making this ministry enjoyable. I also want to especially thank all of our ministry board members for the sacrifice

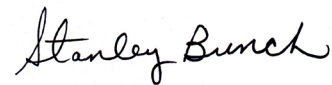
Words From The Executive Director con’t

of time, wisdom and service that you invest in our MOFWB people. All of our ministries boil down to people; you, the precious people that comprise the Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptists.

Thank you for making 2016 a great and enjoyable year. May we resolve together to make the future even better.

“Lord, Thank you for letting us do what we get to do!”

Grace & blessing to you,



Stanley Bunch

MOFWB Executive Office

2016 Gem Magazine Billing Report*

13 out of 86 Churches did not return their subscription renewal.
 73 out of 145 Individuals did not return their subscription renewal.

In December 2016 we mailed out 1,423 GEM Magazines.

Gem 2016 Income	\$ 12,924.00
Gem 2016 Expense	\$ 14,514.85
Net Loss/Gain (Amount subsidized by Exec. Fund)	\$ 1,590.85

All unpaid delinquent subscriptions were removed from the mailing list.

***GEM Note:**

Please send us group pictures of baptisms, pastoral celebrations, note burnings, and information that would serve to encourage others.

When you have salvation decisions would you please send us an email or call to let us know. We want to publish this as a means of encouraging one another.

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Approved 2016 General Executive Fund Budget

Balance Forward 12/31/2014		\$ 30,122.36
2015 Proposed Executive & GEM Income	\$ 211,625.00	
Total Proposed Balance		\$ 241,747.36
Proposed 2015 Expenses	\$ 212,212.00	
Proposed Balance Forward 12/31/2016		\$ 29,535.36

Projected Receipts:

Coop	\$ 168,750.00
GEM Subscriptions	\$ 13,000.00
Interest	\$ 250.00
District Association Dues (sent to National)	\$ 24,750.00
Ministers Retreat Registration	\$ 6,000.00
State Meeting Offerings	\$ 1,200.00
2016 National Convention Dues	\$ 3,000.00
Total Receipts	\$ 216,950.00

Total Receipts + Balance Forward	\$ 246,485.36
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Proposed Expenditures:

Bank Fees	\$ 12.00
Board & Committee Expenses	\$ 6,000.00
Building Maintenance Taxes & Ins.	\$ 9,000.00
Digest of Reports	\$ 1,300.00
Executive Director Conference/Seminar	\$ 1,400.00
Flowers/Gifts	\$ 750.00
GEM Postage	\$ 4,000.00
GEM Printing	\$ 11,000.00
Insurance - HSA	\$ 11,000.00
Ministers Retreat	\$ 6,000.00
Misc.	\$ 1,200.00
National Convention. Expense	\$ 1,600.00
National Rep. Fee	\$ 25,000.00
Office Postage	\$ 1,500.00
Office supplies and equip	\$ 6,200.00
Payroll, taxes & withholding	\$ 91,000.00
Reconciliation & Discrepancies	\$ 250.00
Reimbursements/Refunds	\$ 300.00

Approved 2016 General Executive Fund Budget con't

Seminars/Conferences - St. Associations	\$2,100.00	
State Meeting	\$6,500.00	
Subscriptions & Dues	\$150.00	
Telephone/Internet	\$6,000.00	
Travel/Promotion/Auto	\$7,500.00	
Utilities	\$4,000.00	
Website	\$600.00	
Deposit to Foundation Exec. Account	\$10,000.00	
Total Projected Expenditures	\$214,362.00	\$214,362.00
Projected Balance December 31, 2016		\$32,123.36

2016 General Executive Fund Expenditures

January 1, 2016 - December 31, 2016

Balance Forward		\$57,137.12
<u>Receipts:</u>		
COOP Disbursements	\$182,585.34	
Designated Monthly Contribution	\$760.00	
GEM Income	\$12,924.00	
Interest	\$21.20	
Minister's Retreat Income	\$7,550.00	
Misc. Income	\$1,097.00	
2016 National Hosting Income	\$1,000.00	
Panama 2017 Trip- Income	\$5,450.00	
Randall House Commission	\$3,336.28	
Reconciliation Discrepancies	\$110.00	
Refund & Reimbursement Income	\$2,701.00	
Representative Fee Income	\$23,250.00	
State Meeting Income	\$610.00	
Transfer from Foundation - Auto	\$13,000.00	
Total		\$254,394.82
Receipts + Balance Forward		\$311,531.94
<u>Disbursements:</u>		
Auto	\$14,596.29	
Bank Fees	\$78.00	
Board Mileage & Expense	\$7,061.74	
Building Insurance & Taxes	\$6,260.10	
Building Upkeep & Maintenance	\$869.05	
Digests	\$1,194.00	
Gem Postage	\$3,714.85	
Gem Printing	\$10,800.00	
Gifts & Memorials	\$482.69	
Insurance	\$8,014.93	
Ministers Retreat Expense	\$7,602.54	
Misc. Expense	\$2,263.89	

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2016 General Executive Fund Expenditures con't

National Expenses	\$1,121.14	
2016 National Hosting	\$16,277.86	
Office Postage	\$1,106.60	
Office Supplies, Equip & Upkeep	\$3,137.06	
Overland	\$153.54	
Payroll & Liability	\$92,361.30	
Representative Fee	\$23,250.00	
Reimbursement	\$61.30	
Revitalization	\$9.67	
Seminar/Conference	\$578.44	
State Meeting	\$8,706.06	
Subscriptions & Dues	\$508.00	
Telephone	\$4,922.34	
Transfer to Foundation	\$5,000.00	
Travel & Promotion	\$5,104.47	
Utilities	\$2,541.83	
Website	\$240.00	
Total		\$228,017.69
Balance Forward		\$83,514.25

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Approved 2017 General Executive Fund Budget

2017 General Executive Fund Proposed Budget		
2015 Closing Bal. Exec. & Gen Funds		\$57,137.12
2016 Proposed Exec. & Gen Income	\$216,950.00	
Total Proposed Balance		\$274,087.12
Proposed 2016 Expenses	\$214,362.00	
Proposed 2017 Balance Forward		\$59,725.12
<u>Projected Receipts:</u>		
Coop	\$176,625.00	
Gem Subscriptions	\$13,658.00	
Interest	\$250.00	
District Assn. Dues (sent to Nat'l)	\$24,750.00	
Ministers Retreat Registration	\$5,500.00	
State Mtg. Offerings	\$1,500.00	
Total Receipts	\$222,283.00	
Total Receipts + Balance Forward		\$282,008.12
<u>Proposed Expenditures</u>		
Bank Fees	\$60.00	
Board & Committee Expenses	\$12,000.00	
Building Maint. Taxes & Ins.	\$6,500.00	
Digest of Reports	\$1,300.00	
Exec. Dir. Conference/Seminar	\$1,200.00	
Bereavement Memorials	\$400.00	
Gem Postage	\$4,000.00	
Gem Printing	\$11,000.00	
Insurance - HSA	\$7,800.00	
Ministers Retreat	\$7,000.00	
Misc.	\$1,600.00	
National Conv. Expense	\$1,800.00	
Nat'l Rep. Fee	\$24,000.00	
Office Postage	\$1,500.00	
Office supplies and equipment maintenance	\$3,500.00	
Payroll, taxes & withholding *	\$105,000.00	
Reconciliation & Discrepancies	\$250.00	

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Approved 2017 General Executive Fund Budget con't

Reimbursements/Refunds	\$300.00	
Seminars/Conferences - St. Assoc.	\$4,000.00	
State Mtg.	\$6,500.00	
Subscriptions & Dues	\$125.00	
Telephone/Internet	\$5,500.00	
Travel/Promotion/Auto	\$8,000.00	
Utilities	\$3,000.00	
Website	\$400.00	
Deposit to Foundation Exec. Acct	\$10,000.00	
Total Projected Expenditures	\$226,735.00	\$226,735.00
Projected Balance Dec. 31, 2017		\$55,273.12

*Report available upon request

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Proposed 2018 General Executive Fund Budget

2016 Closing Bal. Exec. & Gen Funds		\$83,514.25
2017 Proposed Exec. & Gen Income	\$222,283.00	
Total Proposed Balance		\$305,797.25
Proposed 2017 Expenses	\$226,735.00	
Proposed 2018 Balance Forward		\$79,062.25

PROJECTED RECEIPTS:

Coop	\$182,250.00	
RHP Dividends	\$3,375.00	
Gem Subscriptions	\$13,000.00	
Interest	\$250.00	
District Assn. Dues (sent to Nat'l)	\$24,000.00	
Ministers Retreat Registration	\$5,000.00	
State Mtg. Offerings	\$1,500.00	
2016 National Convention Dues		
Total Receipts	\$229,375.00	\$226,000.00

Total Receipts + Balance Forward **\$305,062.25**

PROPOSED EXPENDITURES

Bank Fees	\$80.00
Board & Committee Expenses	\$8,000.00
Building Maint. Taxes & Ins.	\$6,500.00
Digest of Reports	\$1,300.00
Exec. Dir. Conference/Seminar	\$1,200.00
Bereavement Memorials	\$400.00
Gem Postage	\$3,800.00
Gem Printing	\$11,000.00
Insurance - HSA	\$7,800.00
Ministers Retreat	\$8,000.00
Misc.	\$2,200.00
National Conv. Expense	\$1,500.00
Nat'l Rep. Fee	\$24,000.00
Office Postage	\$1,300.00
Office supplies and equipment maintenance	\$3,200.00
Payroll, taxes & withholding *	\$108,000.00
Reconciliation & Discrepancies	\$250.00

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Proposed 2018 General Executive Fund Budget con't

Reimbursements/Refunds	\$150.00	
Seminars/Conferences - St. Assoc.	\$2,500.00	
State Mtg.	\$8,500.00	
Subscriptions & Dues	\$500.00	
Telephone/Internet	\$5,500.00	
Travel/Promotion/Auto	\$6,500.00	
Utilities	\$3,500.00	
Website	\$450.00	
Deposit to Foundation Exec. Acct	\$10,000.00	
Total Projected Expenditures	\$226,130.00	\$226,130.00
Projected Balance Dec. 31, 2018		\$78,932.25

*Report available upon request

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Actual 2016 Cooperative Disbursements

January 1, 2016 - December 31, 2016

22.50%	General/Executive Fund	\$182,535.37
18.50%	Missouri Home Missions	\$150,084.63
8.00%	Youth Camp Board	\$64,901.46
2.00%	Youth Ministries Board	\$16,225.37
2.00%	Christian Education Board	\$16,225.37
2.00%	Senior Adult Ministries Board	\$16,225.37
9.00%	Missouri Retirement Program	\$73,014.15
3.00%	Show-Me Plan	\$24,338.05
	.1121 is designated for Randall University	\$30,011.25
33.00%	National Ministries (Together Way Plan)	\$237,707.29
	Total Disbursed	\$811,268.29

NAFWB Together Way Breakdown

23%	Welch College
23%	International Missions
18%	National Home Missions
14%	Board of Retirement & Insurance
14%	Master's Men
6%	FWB Foundation
0.50%	Commission for Theological Integrity
0.50%	Historical Commission
0.50%	Music Commission
0.50%	Media Commission

2018 PROPOSED COOP BUDGET DISBURSEMENT

22.50%	General/Executive Fund	\$182,250.00	
18.50%	MO Missions	\$149,850.00	
9%	State Retirement	\$72,900.00	
8%	Youth Camp	\$64,800.00	
3%	Show-Me	\$24,300.00	
2%	Christian Education	\$16,200.00	
2%	Senior Adult Ministries	\$16,200.00	
2%	Youth Ministries	\$16,200.00	
67%	Total for MOFWB Ministries	\$542,700.00	\$542,700.00
33.00%	Total National Ministries	\$267,300.00	
	Randall U .1121*		
	*(deducted from the National- .1121)	\$29,964.33	\$29,964.33
	Adjusted National	\$237,335.67	\$237,335.67
	Total Projected COOP to be Disbursed		\$810,000.00

Other State Ministries Projected Income for 2018

Randall House Literature Commissions

22.5%	General/Executive Fund	\$3,375.00
18.5%	MM Board	\$2,775.00
9.0%	Minister's Retirement Fund	\$1,350.00
8.0%	Niangua Youth Camp Board	\$1,200.00
2.0%	Christian Education Board	\$300.00
3.0%	Show-Me Plan	\$450.00
2.0%	Sr. Adult Ministry Board	\$300.00
2.0%	Youth Ministry Board	\$300.00
33.0%	Bookstore Foundation Fund	4,950.00
	Total Projected Disbursements	\$15,000.00

2016 Total Designated Giving by Category

Berea Ministries.....	\$225.00
Bible & Book Store Income.....	\$4,893.24
Ch-TN.....	\$11,306.77
Florence Crittenton Home - AR.....	\$755.00
Free Will Baptist Foundation.....	\$1,334.53
Gem Income.....	\$110.00
General / Executive Fund.....	\$4,086.28
Getsemani Children's Home.....	\$200.00
International Missions.....	\$128,483.77
Maggie's House.....	\$500.00
Mile High Ministries.....	\$2,389.39
MO FWB CE Board.....	\$896.57
MO FWB Senior Adult Board.....	\$896.57
MO FWB Youth Ministries Board.....	\$896.57
National Home Missions.....	\$50,167.30
Pastoral Care Fund.....	\$500.00
Rainbow Ministries.....	\$745.00
Randall University.....	\$9,625.16
Representative Fee Income.....	\$150.00
Rest of the Family.....	\$117.42
State Home Missions.....	\$66,506.06
Victor Torrez.....	\$2,400.00
Welch College.....	\$8,126.00
Youth Camp.....	\$11,455.50
Youth Camp Development.....	\$6,703.06
Youth Camp Pool Fund.....	<u>\$193,091.73</u>
Total Designated Giving.....	\$506,560.92
Designated COOP Plan (see page 22).....	\$811,268.29
Designated Show-Me (see page 24).....	<u>\$348,258.26</u>
Total Giving.....	\$1,666,087.47

**Miscellaneous Accounts Maintained Locally
January 1, 2016 - December 31, 2016**

Executive Mission Account*

Balance Forward	\$9,239.73	
<u>Receipts:</u>		
Donor Info Available Upon Request	\$3,824.36	
Total	\$3,824.36	
Receipts + Balance Forward		\$13,064.09
<u>Disbursements:</u>		
Exec. Mission Account Expense	\$151.00	
Gifts & Memorials	\$100.00	
Total	\$251.00	
Working Balance		\$12,813.09

* This account is funded from speaking honorariums given to the Executive Director.

Scholarship Fund

Balance Forward	\$2,304.98	
<u>Receipts:</u>		
Transfer from Foundation	\$4,000.00	
Total	\$4,000.00	
Receipts + Balance Forward		\$6,304.98
<u>Disbursements:</u>		
Randall University - Alan Kinder	\$1,000.00	
Randall University - Mitchell Wagner	\$500.00	
Welch College - Layton Smith	\$1,000.00	
Welch College - Josh Chapman	\$1,000.00	
Total	\$3,500.00	
Working Balance		\$2,804.98

Miscellaneous Accounts Maintained Locally con't

Disaster Relief Fund

Balance Forward	\$166.00	
<u>Receipts:</u>		
Generations FWB	\$100.00	
Regenia Bodine	\$100.00	
Stanley Bunch	\$34.00	
Total		\$234.00
Receipts + Balance Forward		\$400.00
<u>Disbursements:</u>		
Clifton FWB - Fire	\$400.00	
Total		\$400.00
Working Balance		\$0.00

Planning Commission

Balance Forward	\$10,000.00	
<u>Receipts:</u>		
None	\$ 0.00	
Receipts + Balance Forward		\$10,000.00
<u>Disbursements:</u>		
None	\$ 0.00	
Working Balance		\$10,000.00

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Miscellaneous Accounts Maintained Locally con't

Historical Preservation Fund

Balance Forward	\$6,327.71	
Receipts:		
History Book Sales	\$135.00	
Total		\$135.00
Receipts + Balance Forward		\$6,462.71
Disbursements:		
none	\$0.00	
Total	\$0.00	
Working Balance		\$6,462.71

Bible Book Store Fund

Balance Forward	\$12,523.40	
Receipts:		
Rent	\$9,800.00	
Web Sales - John Howell	\$530.70	
Total		\$10,330.70
Receipts + Balance Forward		\$22,854.10
Disbursements:		
Revitalization Expense	\$3,000.00	
Utilities	\$188.37	
Total	\$3,188.37	
Working Balance		\$19,665.73

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Miscellaneous Accounts Maintained Locally con't

Pastoral Care Fund

Balance Forward	\$5,000.00	
Receipts:		
Donation	\$500.00	
Total		\$500.00
Receipts + Balance Forward		\$5,500.00
Disbursements:		
None	\$800.00	
Total		\$800.00
Working Balance		\$4,700.00

Senior Adult Ministries Account

Balance Forward	\$0.00	
Receipts:		
Closing of Bank Account	\$24,994.79	
COOP Deposit	\$2,589.97	
Designated Deposit	\$176.31	
Total		\$27,761.07
Receipts + Balance Forward		\$27,761.07
Disbursements:		
none	\$0.00	
Total		\$0.00
Working Balance		\$27,761.07

MOFWB Executive Office Balance Sheet

As of December 31, 2016

Current Assets in Commerce Bank, Lebanon, MO

Bible Book Store	\$19,665.73
Church Designated Fund	\$3,790.00
Executive Mission.....	\$12,813.09
General/Executive Fund.....	\$83,514.25
Historical Preservation Fund.....	\$6,462.71
Pastoral Care Fund.....	\$4,700.00
Planning Commission Fund.....	\$10,000.00
Scholarship Fund.....	\$2,804.98
Senior Adult Ministries Account.....	\$27,761.07
Commerce Bank - Other.....	\$(8.65)
TOTAL.....	\$171,503.18

Foundation Accounts

Executive Account.....	\$ 105,152.09
Retirement Account.....	\$ 196,473.18
Stewardship Account	\$ 23,269.51
Bookstore.....	\$ 56,886.26
Scholarship.....	\$ 25,531.22

Misc. Assets

22 Acres of Land - Branson.....	\$ 225,000.00
State Office Building.....	\$ 350,000.00
Office Equipment.....	\$ 75,000.00
Youth Camp	\$ 5,500,000.00
Total Property Assets	\$6,150,000.00

**2016 COOP Totals
by Church / Individual / Association**

Alton	\$800.00	Happy Home	\$1,607.48
Amity	\$1,281.89	Harmony	\$1,762.65
Aulsbury Chapel	\$1,888.52	Hartville	\$18,667.00
Bailey	\$3,755.00	Hazel Creek	\$10,897.68
Bailey Chapel	\$1,154.00	Hopewell	\$6,937.15
Beacon	\$10,521.74	Houston 1st	\$6,987.97
Belton	\$5,241.24	Hurryville	\$4,621.20
Bethel- El Dorado Springs	\$3,081.57	Indian Creek Association	\$1,900.00
Bethel- Marshfield	\$7,954.81	Jean Sanstra	\$20.00
Black Oak	\$5,911.47	Kings Way	\$2,200.00
Byrd	\$3,175.00	Koshkonong	\$2,753.00
Calvary Chapel	\$13,602.58	Lead Hill	\$2,089.60
Calvary Fellowship	\$28,123.45	Leadington	\$10,846.00
Cape Girardeau 1st	\$365.48	Lebanon 1st	\$15,537.42
Carthage	\$3,034.00	Lebanon Green Hills	\$5,062.29
Central	\$7,058.98	Liberty	\$1,200.00
Christ Chapel	\$15,383.00	LifePoint	\$800.00
Clifton	\$194.37	Macedonia - Niangua	\$1,587.10
Clifton Sunday School	\$39.92	Marshfield	\$2,473.38
Copper Mines	\$6,716.66	Mill Creek	\$5,322.66
Cornerstone	\$4,206.67	Mine La Motte	\$729.94
Cross Roads- Lebanon	\$492.00	Monett 1st	\$10,201.65
Cuba	\$7,418.00	Mountain Grove 1st	\$24,543.41
De Soto 1st	\$28,010.00	Mt. Pisgah	\$6,775.00
Eastern Gate	\$5,089.00	Myrtle	\$2,766.94
Faith- Fair Grove	\$1,994.60	Neosho 1st	\$7,404.30
Faith Chapel - Vanzant	\$105.00	Nevada	\$288.00
Farmington 1st	\$37,098.70	New Beginning - Odessa	\$100.00
Fellowship	\$21,100.00	New Home- Lebanon	\$1,010.00
First Day	\$8,394.16	New Hope	\$2,370.00
Fordland	\$11,588.00	New Life- Licking	\$7,699.08
Fredericktown 1st	\$7,787.00	Number One	\$1,827.54
Freeman Chapel	\$8,244.00	O'Fallon 1st	\$23,146.77
Generations	\$9,534.01	Oak Grove- Mtn. Grove	\$3,750.12
Gospel Light	\$4,800.00	Oak Hill	\$6,375.00
Grace	\$23,154.41	Olivet	\$4,453.00
Grace Fellowship	\$4,035.40	Ozark 1st	\$39,069.50
Grace Pointe	\$5,600.00	Park Hills 1st	\$8,391.33
Grant Avenue	\$9,714.07	Parkview	\$3,799.00
Hannon	\$8,118.00	Pleasant Hill- Thayer	\$2,832.10

2016 COOP Totals by Church / Individual / Association con't

Pleasant Home	\$1,939.00	Thayer	\$22,889.00
Pleasant Ridge- Alton	\$1,150.00	Trinity	\$11,169.19
Pleasant Ridge- Urbana	\$1,232.00	Twin Oak	\$6,252.12
Purdy 1st	\$6,000.00	Union	\$300.00
Rejoice	\$9,245.29	Union Light	\$1,721.00
Republic	\$6,648.68	United	\$27,318.83
Resolve	\$833.50	Unity	\$6,400.00
Richwoods 1st	\$3,240.00	Verdella	\$8,276.20
Rock Chapel	\$6,871.23	Victory- Alton	\$8,429.80
Rolla 1st	\$3,296.00	Victory- KC	\$6,788.57
Salem	\$1,199.20	Walnut Grove	\$406.45
Seymour	\$9,740.00	Waynesville 1st	\$8,165.02
Smyrna	\$1,140.00	West Plains 1st	\$18,909.00
South Fremont	\$3,500.00	Wilderness	\$2,420.04
Springfield 1st	\$9,735.58	Willow Springs	\$5,991.93
St. Francois Association	\$348.05	Wolf Creek	\$12,211.00
Stockton	\$1,807.66	Total COOP	\$811,268.29
Stonebridge	\$9,121.99		

What do \$100 given to the Missouri COOP Fund accomplish?

%	A 10% tithe of your church's general tithes & offerings	\$100 .00
22.50%	Executive/General Fund	\$22.50
18.50%	MO Mission Board	\$18.50
9.00%	Minister's Retirement Fund	\$9.00
8.00%	Niangua Youth Camp	\$8.00
2.00%	Christian Education Board	\$2.00
3.00%	Show-Me Missions Plan	\$3.00
2.00%	Sr. Adult Ministry Board	\$2.00
2.00%	Youth Ministries Board	\$2.00
	67% of every \$100 given helps Ministries in Missouri	\$67.00
33.00%	The Remaining \$33 is divided as follows:	\$33.00
11.21%	Hillsdale College	\$3.70
	All Remaining funds support Nat'l & Int'l Ministries	\$29.30

If every Free Will Baptist church in MO would cheerfully tithe 10% of their general income, the Missouri State FWB Association would generate a potential income of over \$1.5 million dollars annually. That amount would supply for every state ministry and leave funds available for even greater ministries. Thank you for supporting COOP!

2016 Show-Me Totals by Church / Individual / Association

Angela Brown	\$565.00	Indian Creek Assn.	\$6,016.13
Beacon	\$2,843.00	Jerry Rader	\$80.00
Beacon WAC	\$355.00	Leadington	\$2,565.00
Belton	\$2,150.50	Lebanon 1st	\$2,012.00
Black Oak	\$1,980.00	Lebanon Green Hills	\$1,843.67
Bourbon	\$175.00	LifePoint	\$800.00
Bruce Moore	\$960.00	Lucille Franklin	\$500.00
Calvary- Conway	\$600.00	Macedonia - Purdy	\$17,000.00
Calvary Chapel	\$1,260.00	Macedonia Aux. - Purdy	\$44,000.00
Calvary Fellowship	\$1,550.00	Mill Creek	\$980.00
Central	\$1,200.00	Mine La Motte	\$1,800.00
Coon Creek	\$506.00	MO WAC	\$5,371.46
Copper Mines	\$1,800.00	MOFWB	\$100.00
Cornerstone	\$2,480.00	Monett 1st	\$200.00
Cross Roads- Lebanon	\$60.00	Mountain Grove 1st	\$7,603.50
Cuba	\$1,707.50	Mt. Pisgah	\$5,140.00
De Soto 1st	\$11,225.00	Mt. Zion- "Cuba"	\$960.00
Eastern Gate	\$80.00	Mt. Zion- Thayer	\$360.00
Elva Jo Gentry	\$315.00	Myrtle	\$2,288.78
Faith Chapel	\$325.00	Neosho 1st	\$2,795.00
Farmington 1st	\$6,046.00	Nevada	\$30.00
Fellowship	\$4,608.00	New Beginning - Odessa	\$2,800.00
Fordland	\$2,200.00	New Home- Hartville	\$2,520.00
Fredericktown 1st	\$1,930.00	New Hope	\$2,200.00
Freeman Chapel	\$9,360.00	New Life- Licking	\$1,984.21
Generations	\$4,368.41	New Life- Monett	\$2,000.00
Gospel Light	\$4,000.00	Norman S. S.	\$300.00
Gospel Light S. S.	\$483.10	Number One	\$720.00
Grace	\$6,259.10	O'Fallon 1st	\$46,607.30
Grant Avenue	\$710.00	Oak Grove- Mtn. Grove	\$1,986.01
Greater KC Assn.	\$481.25	Oak Hill	\$286.00
Greater Spfld. Assn.	\$1,615.97	Olivet	\$695.00
Hannon	\$20,018.00	Ozark 1st	\$5,618.90
Happy Hill	\$720.00	Park Hills 1st	\$92.10
Harmony	\$120.00	Parkview	\$923.45
Hartville	\$1,920.00	Pleasant Grove- Anderson	\$1,080.00
Heritage Chapel	\$2,189.00	Pleasant Hill- Thayer	\$540.00
Hopewell	\$143.50	Pleasant Home	\$2,300.00
Houston 1st	\$1,924.66	Pleasant Ridge- Urbana	\$840.00

2016 Show-Me Totals by Church / Individual / Association con't

Porter Chapel	\$6,850.88	Trinity- Cabool	\$100.00
Purdy 1st	\$2,220.00	Union	\$225.00
Rejoice	\$510.00	Union Grove	\$280.90
Republic	\$950.00	Union Light	\$3,500.00
Resolve	\$400.00	United	\$5,700.00
RHP Commission	\$444.85	Unity	\$2,940.00
Richwoods 1st	\$540.00	Verdella	\$12,199.84
Rock Chapel	\$3,367.27	Victory- KC	\$2,681.57
Roger Meyer	\$300.00	Walnut Grove	\$135.00
South Fremont	\$330.00	Warren Halford	\$200.00
Southeast Assn.	\$570.00	Waynesville 1st	\$6,241.11
Springfield 1st	\$1,359.00	West Plains 1st	\$300.00
St. Francois Assoc. WAC	\$615.00	West Plains 1st WNAC	\$180.00
Stockton	\$612.00	Willow Springs	\$1,918.34
Stonebridge	\$930.00	WNAC FWB	\$45.00
Tammy Bell	\$300.00	Wolf Creek	\$2,400.00
Thayer	\$10,025.00	Total Show-Me	\$348,258.26
Trinity	\$1,715.00		



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We thank God for our MO FWB churches, individuals and groups that have given faithfully in 2016 for the support of the spread of the Gospel in our state, nation and world. God is blessing the mission efforts with souls for their labor and leaders to come alongside the church planters to help them reach out further. Funds for all mission categories ended higher than in 2015. The funds ended 2016 with:

Show Me Plan	\$372,696.32
Designated State	\$ 66, 506.06
Designated National	\$ 50,167.30
Designated International	\$ 128,483.77

Total mission giving through the state office was \$ 617,853.45 which is up over 71 thousand from 2015.

2016 and early 2017 news from the fields:

Internationally (IM)

Ken & Judy Bailey continue to see increased interest in the Gospel as they continue with their Sunday Worship, the Women's Bible Study, Mom and Me Class, weekday opportunities and several private discussions. It isn't easy to go against many generations of tradition in Japan but the presence of God is felt through their ministry in Tokyo.

Matthew & Brooke Turnbough put together a Bible Study in their neighborhood, which is in the Madrid area, and are having some great discussions among the couples and individuals they have met through it. We are anticipating some exciting news from this in 2017.

Josh & Lydia Provow continue their various ministries in Bulgaria. They are hosting Bible Studies in three towns among various groups, as well as, on a preaching rotation at the Svistov church while doing language studies. Josh started a men's group and served them a traditional breakfast. The first time a few of them had ever had biscuits.

Jenny resigned from service in early 2017 due to persistent health issues. This will

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allow for Donnie and Ruth McDonald be included in the Show Me Plan allotment starting in June of 2017.

Nationally (NAM)

Our Pennsylvania couples, Nate & Jenna Altom and Darin & Joy Alvis, are doing well. Both the Greensburg and Erie churches have moved into a two-service schedule for Sunday Mornings in their small facilities. This will allow them to raise funds as they make plans for a larger place to gather in the future.

The Altom's welcomed Elliana into their family in 2016, while the Alvis' have sent two of three children off to Welch college.

Donnie & Susan Burke made a transition from Castle Rock, CO to Gainesville, GA in early 2017. Working through the Revitalization arm of North American Ministries they are working to strengthen this group of believers in Georgia.

Adam & Rebecca Garrett are associate church planters through North American Ministries at the Wytheville, VA church. Adam comes out of the De Soto church and are currently raising funds to be able to help plant a church there.

State

The Troy project is seeing significant strides take place in working toward self-sufficiency. Mike & Debbie Dankson, along with the group at Stonebridge, have established very good leadership. Our effort now is in the area of "Debt Reduction" so they can achieve the financial status needed to reach that goal.

Rolla started their Restart process in December of 2016 with Mike & Amy Delashmit leading the effort while Cape Girardeau put things in place through 2016 to start services in 2017. This restart project through Team Cape, Ray & Carley Paxton and Matthew & Jennifer Cromer, is averaging more than 4 times the people than when the church closed.

Osage Beach underwent a leadership transition. The Hodges decided to resign and head back to North Carolina. However, the Lord has provided David & Kathy Beltz for the new leadership at Resolve FWB. The Beltz's have an extensive past of leading people which makes us very hopeful for the future of this project.

After just over three years of a restart project in Cabool, First Day FWB of Cabool is now a self-reliant FWB church. We are very thankful for the hard work Randy & Shonnie Gaddis put into this project. They have a great group of loving people

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to work with among the 160 or more that regularly call First Day FWB their home church.

We would be amiss not to mention the several fund raisers, Mission Conferences and Mission Revivals that were held in 2016 throughout our MO FWB family, including the Run for God for the Hanna Project, as well as, the annual Skeet Shoot and Golf Tourney. The Mission Board thanks the many who were involved in the planning and management of those events which were instrumental to the support of our missionaries and in Great Commission awareness for their local associations.

Through our State Missions New Projects and Restarts, several thousands are given to the MO FWB Cooperative Plan annually, as well as, support for FWB Missions. We are also thankful that the Lord has blessed us with the ability to partner with several established churches over the many years of our ministry to help them expand into facilities that allowed them to upgrade themselves and open up opportunities to share the Gospel.

And finally, we wish to mention that on January 21 of 2017 our Board Chairman went to be with the Lord. Jim Williams was many things to many people which included being an evangelist, a church planter, a mission supporter and a friend to many in our FWB family. To say that his laughter, quick wit and words of appreciation will be missed, is an understatement. The MO FWB Mission Board is a better board today because of his 8 years of service on it.

May the Lord continue to bless us as we seek to work with our State Association to reach out further.

Rev. Jim Williams (deceased); Chairman
Rev. Dale Cochran; Vice Chairman
Rev. Barry Reel; Secretary
Rev. Brandon McIntosh; assistant secretary
Rev. Gary Mitchener
Rev. Dennis Moore
Rev. Richard Robinson
Rev. Bob Thebeau
Rev. Ed Vincent
Rev. Frank Webster; Director

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Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements for General Fund

January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016

Beginning Cash Balance	\$ 113,734.54
 RECEIPTS	
Cooperative Funds	\$ 150,084.65
Designated Giving (Dankson, Cape, Parkville & Rolla, Restarts)	\$ 66,506.06
Show Me Plan	\$ 111,808.90
Salary Reimbursement	\$ 12,000.00
Fund Raisers	\$ 3,690.25
Total Income	\$ 344,089.86
 Beginning Balance	 \$ 457,824.40
 DISBURSEMENTS	
Salaries	
Missionaries	\$ 157,400.00
Director	\$ 54,248.00
Insurance	\$ 8,374.04
Office / Promotion	\$ 11,911.88
Travel - Director & Church Planters	\$ 17,572.44
Auto Purchase	\$ 15,000.00
Auto Expense	\$ 2,262.76
Conference (State, National, seminars, retreats)	\$ 7,881.07
Gifts, Funeral, Misc.	\$ 5,412.47
Board Meeting Expenses	\$ 4,030.67
Property Expense	\$ 17,626.92
Transfer to Foundation	
Future State	\$ 5,161.00
Future National	\$ 8,780.44
Fund Raiser Expense	\$ 3,690.25
Designated to facilities or other cause	\$ 10,640.06
Total Disbursement	\$ 329,992.00
 Balance ending December 31, 2016	 \$ 127,832.40

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Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements for Show Me Plan

January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016

Beginning Balance	\$0
 Total Receipts	 \$ 372,696.32
 DISBURSEMENTS	
International Missions (60%)	\$ 223,617.79
Ken Bailey	\$ 71,660.57
Donnie McDonald	\$ 4,403.77
Josh Provow	\$ 46,925.44
Chris Sargent	\$ 4,403.77
Jenny Stogsdill	\$ 64,883.45
Matthew Turnbough	\$ 31,340.78
 National Missions (10%)	
Equally Disbursed (Altom, Alvis, Burke, Future National)	\$ 37,269.63
 State Missions (30%)	
	\$ 111,808.90
 Total Disbursement	 \$ 372,696.32
 Ending Balance for 2016	 \$ 0

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Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements for
FWB Foundation Accounts

January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016

FUTURE STATE PROJECT

Beginning Balance		\$44,206.07
Deposits to Account	\$5,161.00	
Interest	\$1,239.27	
Withdraws	\$18,000.00	
Balance of Account		\$32,606.34

FUTURE NATIONAL PROJECT

Beginning Balance		\$20,310.08
Deposits to Account	\$8,780.44	
Interest	\$691.30	
Balance of Account		\$29,781.82

GENERAL FUND

Beginning Balance		\$95,771.23
Interest	\$2,664.15	
Balance of Account		\$98,435.38

PERPETUAL LOAN FUND

Beginning Balance		\$217,641.51
Deposits to Account	\$50,000.00	
Interest	\$7,001.59	
Balance of Account		\$274,643.10

PROJECT DEBT FUND

Beginning Balance		\$503.27
Interest	\$2.53	
Balance of Account		\$505.80

ROLLA FUND

Beginning Balance		\$82,081.59
Interest	\$1,137.69	
Balance of Account		\$83,219.28

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Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements for **Perpetual Loan Fund**

January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016

Beginning Cash Balance \$ 33,862.20

RECEIPTS

Designated Giving	\$ 7,520.00	
Loan Payments	\$ 35,597.39	
Property Sales (Jackson, Oskaloosa)	\$ 64,425.00	
Interest Income (Bank)	\$ 11.59	
Total Income		\$ 107,553.98

Beginning Balance \$ 141,416.18

DISBURSEMENTS

Property Expense		
(Cape, Jackson, Osage Beach, Parkville, Rolla)	\$ 66,552.92	
Transfer to Foundation	\$ 50,000.00	
Total Disbursement		\$ 116,552.92

Balance ending December 31,2016 \$ 24,863.26

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Balance Sheet

Ending December 31, 2016

Current Assets

Cash In Bank –General Fund Checking	\$ 127,832.40	
Cash In Foundation – General Fund	\$ 98,435.38	
Cash In Bank – Loan Fund	\$ 24,863.26	
Cash In Foundation - Loan Fund	\$ 274,643.10	
Cash In Foundation – Future State Project	\$ 32,606.34	
Cash In Foundation – Future National Project	\$ 29,781.82	
Cash In Foundation – Project Debt Fund	\$ 505.80	
Cash In Foundation- Rolla Fund	\$ 83,219.28	

Total Cash Assets \$ 671,887.38 \$ 671,887.38

Assets In Loans

Outstanding Loans

Bourbon	\$ 4,130.13	
Osage Beach	\$ 299,000.00	
Troy	\$ 86,600.00	
Union	\$ 1,795.23	

Total Loan Assets \$ 391,525.36 \$ 391,525.36

Total Assets In Cash And Loans \$ 1,063,412.74

PROPERTIES UNDER BOARD SUPERVISION

	<u>Valued</u>	Liabilities	Equity
Blue Springs	\$525,000.00	\$249,290.20	\$275,709.80
Independence	\$115,000.00	\$48,005.22	\$66,994.78
Nevada	\$180,000.00	\$12,818.72	\$167,181.28
Ozark	\$1,820,000.00	\$1,184,444.92	\$635,555.10
Parkville	\$180,000.00	\$0	\$180,000.00
Republic	\$800,000.00	\$151,431.23	\$648,568.77
Troy	\$400,000.00	\$181,676.00	\$218,324.00
Union	\$500,000.00	\$73,015.65	\$426,984.35
St Clair	\$750,000.00	\$436,559.08	\$313,440.92
Willow Springs	\$55,979.00	\$0	\$55,979.00
BALANCE	\$5,325,979.00	\$2,337,241.02	\$3,038,737.98

Property Equity \$ 3,038,737.98

Total Equity \$ 4,102,150.72

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2018 Budget for Mission Office

Expected 2017 Balance Forward \$81,000.00

Show-Me Plan	\$110,000.00
CO-OP	\$135,500.00
Designated State Missions	\$10,000.00
Returned for salary	\$26,000.00
Total gifts	\$362,500.00

DISBURSEMENTS

Director Salary& Bonus	\$56,076.00
Health Insurance	\$4,000.00
HSA (Health Savings Account)	\$4,000.00
State Missionary Salaries, housing & bonus	\$267,400.00
Missionary Expenses (Conference mileage and training opportunities)	\$5,000.00
Travel / Auto Expense	\$7,000.00
Office/ Promotional Materials	\$6,000.00
Mission Trip Allowance	\$3,000.00
Board Expense	\$4,000.00
Future Auto Purchase	\$5,000.00
Property Management	\$10,000.00
Move to Future State Project Fund	\$12,000.00
Misc	\$5,000.00

Total Proposed Disbursements \$388,476.00

Expected Ending Balance for 2018 \$ -25,976.00

Senior Adult Ministries Board

It has been a pleasure for the senior adult ministry board to serve the people of the Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptists for the past year. The lord has blessed the senior adult retreat in 2016 and 2017. The only sad part of these meetings is seeing that age and death is taking some of our most faithful people. We rejoice in their home going, but we miss them. Our biggest challenge is to get the younger seniors to join us. Pray for us as we work on retreat programs and try to get the younger seniors to join us.

God bless our state meeting,
 The senior adult ministry board
 Wayne E. Phillips, Chairman
 Don Anderson, Vice-Chairman
 Ron Blanks, Treasurer
 Gene Crewse, Secretary
 Wesley Rider

Senior Adult Ministries Board con't

Receipts and Disbursements January 1, 2016 - December 31, 2016

Balance from December 31, 2015	\$22,191.71
<u>RECEIPTS</u>	
Co-op *	\$14,901.23
Bruce Moore *	\$550.00
Randal House Rebates *	\$293.80
Registration fees	\$7,125.00
Redeposit of cash for retreat	\$200.00
Total Income	\$23,072.15
Total Working Balance	\$45,263.86
<u>DISBURSEMENTS</u>	
Ramada Oasis	\$15,668.28
Retreat Speakers and Singers	\$1,755.00
Bookkeeping fees	\$90.00
Board mileage, meals	\$1,600.15
Retreat preparation	\$250.00
Bank charges	\$40.16
New checks	\$49.50
Postage and supplies	\$135.98
Cash for retreat	\$200.00
CPA fees, two years	\$480.00
Missouri State Association *	\$24,994.79
Total Disbursements	\$45,263.86
Balance in Senior Adult Bank Account as of 11-10-16	\$ 0

* The General Board at its November 7, 2016 meeting, authorized the Senior Adult Ministries Board to dissolve the for profit corporation that was established in 1979. Ever since that for profit corporation was established there has never been a profit and the Senior Adult Ministries Board has been required to submit yearly federal and state tax forms, which has been very costly. In order to dissolve that for profit corporation all proceeds from the corporation had to be dispersed and a \$0 balance shown in the checking account. We dispersed those funds to the State Office, which held those funds until a new checking account could be secured.

Amount dispersed to Missouri State Office	\$24,994.79
December Co-op \$1,39796, Bruce Moore \$50.00, Randall House \$76.31	\$1,524.27
Total amount available to Board as of 12-31-16	\$26,519.06

Proposed Budget for 2018

Ending Balance 2016		\$26,519.06
Proposed Income for 2017	\$27,503.00	
Total	\$54,022.06	
Proposed Expenses for 2017	\$25,258.00	
Proposed Balance Forward		\$28,764.06
Proposed Receipts for 2018:		
Co-op	\$16,200.00	
Retreat Income	\$ 8,000.00	
Other	\$ 1,000.00	
Total	\$25,200.00	
Total Receipts and Balance Forward		\$53,964.06
Proposed Expenses for 2018:		
Retreat Rental	\$21,000.00	
Honorariums	\$ 2,200.00	
Board Expense	\$ 2,200.00	
Bookkeeping fee	\$ 120.00	
Registration expenses	\$ 250.00	
Postage and supplies	\$ 150.00	
Bank Service Charges	\$ 48.00	
Total Expenses	\$25,968.00	
Balance Forward		\$27,996.06

Camp Niangua

Greetings in the precious name of our Savior. We want to express our gratitude to all faithful Free Will Baptist who pray, give, and send their children to receive Gospel teaching and to enjoy their time together at Camp Niangua.

I want to pass along the stated purpose for your youth camp:

“The Missouri State Free Will Baptist Youth Camp exists to bring glory to God by providing a place for young people to find the Lord and by influencing young people through Bible study, fellowship, recreation, evangelization, and edification. We will attempt to accomplish this purpose through godly principals of sanctification and a well balanced program of evangelistic services, teaching sessions, and recreation for a specific period away from worldly allurements and influences.”

The results from the four 2016 camps are as follows:

Total number of campers	625
Precampers	45
Sponsors	212
Workers	129
Salvations	57
Rededications	84
Called to ministry	16

This year's camp dates as follows:

Teen 1	(South)	June 12-16
Teen 2	(North)	June 19-23
Preteen 2	(North)	July 10 -14
Preteen 1	(South)	July 24-28

Due to difficulties for attending we want campers to know that if they cannot attend their scheduled meeting dates they may attend the other schedule according to their ages.

Thanks to all who have given the new swimming pool will be ready for this year's camp sessions.

Thank you for allowing to serve the Lord by being on the Camp Board,
 Jerry Pinkerton, Chairman
 Russell McDaris
 Greg Smith
 Adam Duncan
 John Howell

Camp Niangua con't

Income Statement - January 1 - December 31, 2016

Cash on hand January 1, 2016		\$33,696.82
<u>Revenues</u>		
Interest & ind. Contributions	\$5,685.95	
Churches & assoc. Contrib.	\$16,912.33	
Cooperative giving	\$65,196.80	
Aux. & Bookstore	\$300.00	
Reimbursements & returns	\$4,078.08	
Registration	\$79,212.50	
Snack shop	\$6,632.13	
Rentals	\$82,929.08	
Offerings	\$87,637.68	
Crafts	\$150.25	
Camp t-shirts	\$6,525.00	
Foundation	\$52,000.00	
Total revenues		\$407,259.80
 Total working balance		 \$440,956.62
 <u>Expenses</u>		
Telephone/internet	\$3,475.47	
Electricity	\$19,561.16	
Propane	\$7,337.51	
Building maint. & Supplies	\$24,776.37	
Honorariums, reimb. & Returns	\$3,375.00	
First aid	\$129.61	
Kitchen - food	\$23,025.23	
Kitchen - supplies	\$2,599.77	
Snack center	\$5,083.29	
Playground, pool, camp activ.	\$54,706.56	
Fuel & oil	\$1,712.18	
Equip. Purch. & Repair	\$3,211.36	
Insurance	\$31,838.06	
Printing, postage, & lit.	\$767.50	
Accounting & supplies	\$2,282.58	
Board expense	\$3,643.90	
Special offerings (sent to foundation - pool)	\$95,968.39	
Misc.	\$1,539.40	
Debt retirement	\$26,171.96	

Camp Niangua con't

Income Statement - January 1 - December 31, 2016 con't

Camp t-shirts	\$3,001.55	
Admin salaries	\$30,144.00	
Summer help salaries	\$9,580.95	
Maintenance	\$20,099.42	
Benefits	\$19,000.00	
Federal withholding	\$17,598.97	
State withholding	\$1,733.19	
Total expenses		\$412,363.38\$
 Cash on hand December 31, 2016		 \$28,593.24

Camp Niangua con't

Development Foundation Accounts - January 1 - December 31, 2016

Beg. Cash on Hand		\$23,772.91
<u>Revenues</u>		
Interest	\$53.82	
Contrib./Offerings	\$27,205.85	
Rental	\$66,790.00	
Foundation		
Reimbursements		
Total Revenues		\$94,049.67
Total Working Bal.		\$117,822.58
<u>Expenses</u>		
Dorm/Dining Hall/ Equip.Shed/ Tab Rooms:		
Building Materials	\$35,222.26	
Fixtures	\$33,624.74	
Contract Labor	\$3,067.00	
Fuel/Propane	\$2,407.70	
Debt Retirement		
Miscellaneous:		
Supplies	\$1,999.23	
Repairs	\$491.00	
Labor (Clean./Mow.)	\$3,338.50	
Equip. Purch./Rent.	\$19,307.46	
Interest	\$1,701.00	
Bank Charges		
Gen. Fund Transfer	\$9,000.00	
Total Expenses		\$110,158.89
End. Cash on Hand		\$7,663.69

Camp Niangua con't

Development Foundation Accounts - January 1 - December 31, 2016 con't

FOUNDATION ACCOUNT		
Beginning Balance, January 1		\$34,989.70
Plus Deposits	\$\$181,012.27	
Plus Interest January-June	\$2,416.70	
Balance June 30	\$218,418.67	
Plus Deposits	\$107,800.85	
Less Withdrawals	\$52,000.00	
Plus Interest July-December	\$3,702.89	
Ending Balance, December 31		\$277,922.41
 OUTSTANDING LOANS:		
Legacy Bank- Mtn. Grove		\$188,978.68
J.P. Personal Loan		\$17,900.00

Camp Niangua con't

Youth Camp Proposed 2018 Budget

Balance Forward		\$53,393.24
<u>Receipts</u>		
Interest & Individuals	\$2,500.00	
Churches & Assoc.	\$15,000.00	
Coop	\$62,000.00	
Auxiliary & Bookstore	\$300.00	
Reimb. & Returns	\$1,000.00	
Registration	\$80,000.00	
Snack Center	\$7,000.00	
Tapes/Recreation/StoreAmeriVision		
Rentals	\$150,000.00	
Camp Offerings	\$3,000.00	
Craft/Laundry	\$100.00	
Camp T-Shirts	\$7,000.00	
Foundation		
Total Receipts		\$327,900.00
 Total Working Balance		 \$381,293.24

Disbursements

Salaries	\$65,000.00
Benefits	\$19,000.00
Fed./State Taxes	\$20,000.00
Camp Development	\$70,000.00
Telephone	\$3,500.00
Electric	\$20,000.00
Propane	\$12,000.00
Bldg. Maint. & Supplies	\$30,000.00
Honorariums/Reimb.	\$3,000.00
First Aid	\$250.00
Kitchen - Food	\$25,000.00
Kitchen - Supplies	\$3,000.00
Snack Center	\$7,000.00
Transfer of Funds	
Craft/Laundry	

Camp Niangua con't

Youth Camp Proposed 2018 Budget con't

Playground/Pool/Act.	\$5,000.00	
Fuel & Oil	\$2,500.00	
Equip. Purch. & Repair	\$5,000.00	
Insurance	\$36,000.00	
Print./Postage/Literature	\$1,250.00	
Acctg. & Supplies	\$2,000.00	
Board Expense	\$3,500.00	
Camp Offerings	\$3,000.00	
Miscellaneous	\$2,000.00	
Special Purchases		
Camp Bookstore		
Debt Retirement	\$32,000.00	
Camp T-Shirts	\$3,250.00	
Total Disbursements		\$373,250.00
 Ending Balance		 \$8,043.24\$

MO Youth Ministries Board

News from the MOFWB Youth Ministries Board

The 2016 CTS Ministry Expo saw students from 16 different churches, totaling 174 entries (up one entry from 2015), in 38 different categories, compete for the opportunity to represent Missouri at the National in Kansas City, MO. A special thanks to Calvary Fellowship FWB Church in Fenton, MO (and all of their people there) for hosting us for the weekend!

The E3 Conference (Elevate, Equip, Encourage) was centered on Matthew 13:44. 315 students (down 9 students from 2015) gathered to hear former Kentucky basketball player Cameron Mills give a series of messages on pursuing the Kingdom of God and the dangers of our own little kingdoms. Matt Papa lead our music.

New for this year (2017) is an opportunity to work alongside the Youth Camp Board. We are partnering with the Youth Camp Board and Camp Niangua to help plan one week of Teen Camp. We appreciate the ministry of Camp Niangua and all the work the board and Bruce and Dede Moore do to make the camp experience what it is. We are looking forward to working with them in fulfilling God's mission at Camp Niangua and the ministering to students throughout Missouri.

Thank you for your prayers and your support of this ministry. It truly is a blessing to minister to the great students of the state of Missouri!

Andy Rains, Chairman
 Ryan Akers, Treasurer
 Jane Parker
 Matthew Todd
 Seth Moon

MO Youth Ministries Board con't

Youth Ministries Income and Expense Report for 2016

Beginning Balance		\$33542.07
Income for 2016		
Co-op	\$15,329.92	
Designated	\$550.00	
CTS Receipts	\$5,565.00	
SYC T-shirt Receipts	\$860.00	
SYC Receipts	\$14,870.00	
Total Income		\$37,174.92
Total Income+Beginning Balance		\$70,716.99
Expenses for 2016		
Board Expense		
Meals	\$406.58	
Supplies and Equipment	\$0.00	
Mileage and Reimbursements	\$2,012.04	
CTS Lodging	\$709.24	
CTS Judges	\$1,280.00	
CTS Supplies and Reimbursements	\$865.13	
CTS NYC Fees	\$3,465.00	
CTS Tabulators	\$1,000.00	
CTS Trophies	\$267.00	
SYC Equipment	\$4,600.00	
SYC Speaker	\$2,066.00	
SYC Musical Guest	\$5,242.68	
SYC T-Shirts	\$2,097.68	
SYC Supplies and Reimbursements	\$1,243.85	
SYC Facility Rental	\$11,991.50	
Total Expenses		\$37,246.70
Beginning Balance + Income - Expenses		\$33,470.29

MO Youth Ministries Board con't

2018 MO Youth Board Projected Budget

Balance December 31, 2016 (Actual)		\$33,542.07
Income for 2016 (Proposed)		\$33,500.00
Expenses for 2016 (Proposed)		\$33,500.00
Balance for 2016 (Proposed)		\$-
Projected Beginning Balance 2016 (Proposed)		\$24,433.58

Proposed Income 2018		
Co-op (2% x \$810,000)	\$16,200.00	
Designated	600.00	
CTS Receipts	\$5,500.00	
Youth Conference Receipts	\$15,000.00	
Total Income		\$37,300.00
Total Income + Beginning Balance		\$70,842.07

Proposed Expenses 2018

Board Expenses		
Meals	\$450.00	
Supplies and Equipment	\$500.00	
Mileage Reimbursements	\$2,700.00	
Total Board Expenses		\$3,650.00

CTS Competition

Lodging	\$750.00	
Judges	\$1,300.00	
Literature	\$200.00	
NYC Fees	\$3,400.00	
Tabulators and Assistants	\$1,000.00	
Supplies	\$400.00	
Facility Rental	\$500.00	
Trophies	\$300.00	
Total CTS Expenses		\$7,850.00

MO Youth Ministries Board con't

2018 MO Youth Board Projected Budget con't

Youth Conference Expenses		
Speaker Expenses	\$2,200.00	
Musical Guest	\$5,000.00	
Supplies	\$3,500.00	
T-shirts	\$1,200.00	
Facility Rental	\$12,000.00	
Total Youth Conference Expenses		\$23,900.00

Camp Niangua Expenses

Speaker Expenses	\$1,500.00	
Worship	\$1,000.00	
College Employees	\$1,200.00	
Supplies	\$500.00	
Total Youth Conference Expenses		\$4,200.00

Total Expenses		\$39,600.00
Total Income		\$37,300.00
Proposed Ending Balance December 31, 2018		\$31,242.07
Difference		(\$2,300.00)

Missouri Christian Education Board

It is a pleasure to serve the ongoing educational needs of our pastors and churches in the State of Missouri. In the past few years, the work of our board has primarily been focused upon three events.

- 1) The Minister's Retreat.
- 2) Sponsoring the Pastor's Wives retreat
- 3) Pastor's and Leader's training workshops held in the spring and in the fall

Every year our pastors retreat seems to get better and better. Our speaker for this year was Rob Morgan who did an excellent job. Attendance was up again setting a new record.

Likewise, the Pastor's wives retreat continues to get better each year. We are thankful for the work done by Debbie Webster and Betsy Earls in planning this retreat for our wives and are happy to be able to support them.

In the past few years we have had some difficulties with the Pastor and Leaders training workshops. While the quality of the presentations have been excellent, they have not been as well attended as we would have liked even though held at the state office which is in a central location in the state. On more than one occasion we have had to cancel seminars due to a lack of interest. This is frustrating not only to the small number of those who did plan to attend, but also to the presenter who invested time in preparing the seminar.

As a result, we have made two changes regarding these seminars in 2017. First, working with Bro. Stan we have arranged to move holding the spring leadership workshop at the State Office in May to offering it in conjunction with the program of the State Association Meeting in June. Bro Darrell Strain will be presenting a very useful seminar on church finances at the State meeting.

Second, we have decided to forego the fall leadership workshop and offer a Marriage Retreat instead. This Marriage Retreat is scheduled for October 6-7, 2017 at the Ramada Oasis in Springfield, MO with Joe Grizzle as the speaker. We are not charging a registration fee for the retreat, but hotel rooms need to be reserved with the Oasis no later than September 1 to get the discounted room rate.

It is our hope that these changes may increase participation in the training being offered by the C.E. Board. We are discussing alternatives to the workshops to provide ongoing training to our pastors and church leaders.

In past years, our board has periodically assisted students with financial needs who were attending Welch College or Randall University. We have decided to make available some funds each fall and spring to be able to provide scholarships to any MO student attending Welch or Randall. Interested students should contact the State Office or Bro Roger Hogan prior to the beginning of each semester.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kevin D. Williford, Chairman
 Roger Hogan, Treasurer
 Mark Elliot, Secretary

Melvin Moon, Board Member
 Dr. Jay Tilson, Board Member

Missouri Christian Education Board con't

2016 Financial Statement

CASH ON HAND-January 1, 2016	\$38,153.62
ACTUAL CASH ON HAND	\$38,153.62

<u>RECEIPTS</u>	
Cooperative Program	\$17,269.30
Interest Income	\$3.80
Books & Tapes Income	\$149.00
TOTAL INCOME FOR 2016	\$17,422.10

TOTAL CASH FOR 2016	\$55,575.72
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<u>DISBURSEMENTS</u>	
Bank Fees	\$179.00
Board Expenses	\$3,056.50
Office Expenses	\$172.81
Bookkeeping Expenses	\$600.00
Minister's Retreat	\$4,841.14
College Tuition Scholarship	\$2,000.00
Minister's Wives Retreat	\$1,500.00
Seminar Expense	\$421.50
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS FOR 2016	\$12,770.95

TOTAL CASH ON HAND- DECEMBER 31, 2016	\$42,804.77
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2015 Assets

CASH ON HAND	\$42,804.77
CD (National Board of Retirement)	\$9,906.41
Interest earned on CD - 2016	\$275.41
CD as of 12-31-16	\$10,181.82
Total	\$52,986.59

Proposed Budget for 2018

Bank Fees	\$168.00
Minister's Retreat	\$3,000.00
Minister's Wives Retreat	\$2,000.00
LAMB Program	\$400.00
Bookkeeping	\$600.00
Office Expense	\$200.00
Christian Education Training	\$4,500.00
C. E. Board Expense	\$3,000.00
Reserve for Future Projects	\$1,500.00
Welch Scholarship Fund	\$2,000.00
Randall Scholarship Fund	\$2,000.00
Total	\$19,368.00

2017 Nominating Committee Recommendations

With the best interest of God's ministry among Missouri Free Will Baptist in mind, we the members of the nominating committee make the following nominations.

In accordance with the suggestions of the MOFWB General Board, we have verified that each of these nominees is a supporter of the Missouri COOP plan, and we believe each has demonstrated both a heart and ability for the position for which they are nominated. The nominating committee has contacted each nominee and confirmed their willingness to serve.

Prayerfully Submitted,
Steve Reeves, Chairman
Ron Blanks
Dan Talbott
Rick Dement
Travis Harrison

Schedule for Electing Standing Boards

* Denotes the recommendation of the MOFWB nominating committee

** Denotes Board Chairman

Christian Education Board

Melvin Moon	2021
Jay Tilson	2020
Roger Hogan	2019
Mark Elliot	2018
Kevin Williford ** - Kevin Williford*	2022

Missouri Mission Board

Richard Robinson	2018
Barry Reel	2018
Dale Cochran	2019
Brandon McIntosh	2019
Dennis Moore	2019
Jim Williams** - Russ Neill*	2018
Bob Thebeau - Bob Thebeau*	2020
Gary Mitchener - Gary Mitchener*	2020
Eddie Vincent - Curt Gwartney*	2020

Senior Adult Ministries

Don Anderson	2021
Wayne Phillips**	2020
Wes Rider	2019
Ron Blanks	2018
Gene Crewse - Gene Crewse*	2022

Youth Camp Board

John Howell	2021
Adam Duncan	2020
Jerry Pinkerton**	2019
Greg Smith	2018
Russell McDaris - Dan Cottengim*	2022

Schedule for Electing Standing Boards con't

Youth Ministries Board

Matt Todd	2021
Andy Rains**	2020
Jane Parker	2019
Seth Moon	2018
Ryan Akers - Ryan Akers*	2022

Audit Committee

Appointed by the General Board...(MO State FWB By-Laws # 30)

Russell Johnson	2019
Dan Talbott	2018
Warren Hall -	2020

Historical Commission

Keith Garrison	2019
Nathan Ruble	2018
Howard Anderson - Gary Fry*	2020

Randall University Trustee Board

Jay Tilson	2019
Dale Skiles	2018
Doug Earls - Steve Reeves *	2020

National Association General Board Member

Stanley Bunch

State General Board Members *

- Mission** - replacing Derek Terry _____
- Mo-Ark** - replacing Darrell Strain _____
- Niangua** - replacing David Medley _____
- Northeast** - replacing Jon McNay _____
- Northwest** - replacing Vernon Maggart _____
- South Central** - replacing Leroy Bryant _____
- Southeast** - replacing Raymond Michael _____
- St. Francois** - replacing Curt Gwartney _____
- St. Louis** - replacing Ken Simpson _____
- Tri-County** - replacing Russell Johnson _____

*All will serve a two year term expiring in June 2019

General Officers

- Moderator** -
Replacing Keith Garrison - Alan Kinder* _____
- Asst. Moderator** -
Replacing Alan Kinder - Zach Williams* _____
- Clerk** -
Replacing Jackson Watts - Jackson Watts* _____
- Asst. Clerk** -
Replacing Justin Lawson - Justin Lawson* _____

Missouri State Association Of Free Will Baptists Bylaws

NAME

1. This Association shall be called the Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptist.

PURPOSE

2. The object of this Association shall be the bringing together of the Free Will Baptists of the State of Missouri in one annual gathering that we may become better acquainted with one another, the upholding of the Free Will Baptists Churches of Missouri, and a worldwide outreach of souls.

MEMBERSHIP

3. The Association shall be composed of the members of the various local affiliated Associations.

4. Any organized District Association of Free Will Baptists may unite with this body at any regular session by a two-thirds vote of all delegates present, providing that the following procedures have been followed:

- a. The District Association will send a letter to the State Clerk requesting membership in the State Association.
- b. The Executive Committee will examine the District Association and make the appropriate recommendation to the State Association.

OFFICERS

5. The officers of this Association shall be Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk, and Assistant Clerk, who shall be elected annually at the close of each session and hold their office until their successors are elected and qualified. No officer shall serve the same office more than three consecutive years, except the clerk.

6. The officers of this body shall submit, at every session, a report of the work done for this association.

7. The Moderator shall be the principal executive officer of the Association and he shall sign, with the clerk or any other people, officer or agent of the Association there unto authorized by the General Board, any deeds, mortgages, bonds, contracts, or other instruments which the General Board has authorized to be executed, except in cases where the signing and execution thereof shall be expressly delegated by the General Board or by these By-Laws to some other officer or agent of the Association, or shall be required by law to be otherwise signed or executed. The duties of Moderator shall include presiding at the meetings of the State Association, the General Board, and the Executive Committee, and in general, to fulfil whatever responsibilities that may be commensurate with his office or delegated to him by the body or General Board.

8. In the absence of the Moderator, or in the event of his death, inability or refusal to act, the Assistant Moderator shall perform the duties of the Moderator, and

when so acting, shall have all the powers of and be subject to all the restrictions upon the moderator. The Assistant Moderator shall perform such duties as from time to time may be assigned to him by the Moderator or by the General Board.

9. The Clerk shall keep and accurate record of all business transactions, shall superintend the printing of the minutes, and shall receive an honorarium of an amount agreed upon by this body.

10. The Clerk shall:

- a. Keep the minutes of the Association and of the General Board meetings in one or more books provided for the purpose.
- b. See that all notices are given in accordance with the provisions of these by-laws or as required by law.
- c. Be custodian of the Association records and of the seal of the Association and see that the seal of the Association is affixed to all documents the execution of which on behalf of the Association under its seal is duly authorized.
- d. In general, perform all duties incident to the office of the clerk and other duties as from time to time may be assigned to him by the Moderator or by the General Board.
- e. In the absence of the clerk, or in the event of his death, inability, or refusal to Act, the Assistant Clerk shall perform the duties of the Clerk and when so acting shall have the power of and be subject to all the restrictions upon the clerk. The Assistant Clerk shall perform such duties as from time to time may be assigned to him by the clerk or by the General Board.

11. All standing boards shall be composed of five (5) members, exclusive of the General Board and the Missouri Missions Board. A board member shall be an active member of a Free Will Baptist Church in good standing with the Missouri State Association. No one may serve as a member of a board while employed by that board. Standing Boards include the Board of Christian Education, the Home Missions Board, the Senior Adult Ministries Board, the Youth Ministries Board, the Youth Camp Board, and the General Board.

12. The duties of the various standing boards shall be to:

- a. Plan and supervise both short and long-range programs of ministry.
- b. Manage as good stewards all funds and properties entrusted to its care
- c. Annually submit a detailed budget for approval by the State Association.

The budget shall include:

- (1) Projected income along with expected sources of income.
- (2) Projects planned and the cost of said projects.
- (3) Maintenance along with its costs.
- (4) Work in harmony with and toward the common vision of the entire State Association.
- (5) A detailed explanation of any debt.

13. No board shall initiate any litigation in pursuit of its ministry. Neither shall any board enter into any litigation in the pursuit of its ministry except as required

because suit has been initiated against the board. The only exception is that which the State Association may authorize when the State Association is not in session.

14. The personnel of each of the foregoing, exclusive of the General Board and the Missouri Mission Board shall be elected as follows: The first named for a term of one year, the second for a term of two years, the third for a term of three years, and thereafter each shall be elected for a term of five years. The members of the Missouri Mission Board shall be elected as follows: The first three named for a term of one year, the second three for a term of two years, the third three for a term of three years, and thereafter each year three members shall be elected to serve a term of three years.

15. The personnel of the General Board shall be composed of the officers of the State Association, the chairman of all standing boards, and one member from each Affiliated Association, to be elected by the State body, whose term of office shall be two years and so constituted that the expiration date of the term of office of half of these expire one year and the other half the following year. This shall be determined by alphabetical order of the names of the affiliated Association.

16. No person shall fill more than one office at the same time except as he may become a member of the General Board by virtue of being chairman of the board, which he is an elected member.

17. Any vacancy occurring in the General Board may be filled by the affirmative vote of a majority of the remaining board members through less than a quorum of the General Board, unless otherwise provided by law.

18. All board members elected to fill a vacancy shall be elected for the unexpired term of his predecessor in office.

19. Any member of the standing boards of the State Association who does not put forth any interest in or function on said board for the period of one year, shall have his office declared vacant and a new member be elected by this Association to fill his unexpired term of office.

DUTIES

20. The general board shall have power to act in behalf of, and for the State Association from one regular session to another, and shall have power to elect such officers as may be necessary to carry out the plans and undertakings of the State Association. The General Board shall have the rights to employ an Executive Director who shall serve as treasurer of the Association except in cases where this responsibility shall be expressly delegated by the General Board or by these by-laws to some other officer, agent, or board of the Association. He shall make an annual financial report to the Association.

21. The General Board shall have the power to fill any irregular vacancies that may

occur in its own body and shall have the power to fill any irregular vacancies that may occur in any department of work between sessions of the State Association. It shall be the duty of this Board to make written reports of all its work to each session.

22. An Executive Committee consisting of seven members of the General Board shall be composed of the Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk of the State Association, and four other member to be elected by the General Board; two members to be elected for a two year term and two members to be elected for a one year term and then two members to be elected each year thereafter, whose duty it shall be to act on all matters coming within the scope of the work of the Board when said Board is not in session. It shall also plan and execute the program for the annual sessions of the Missouri State Associations. The Executive Committee shall serve as the Budget Committee.

23. A majority of the number of the General Board members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any meeting of the General Board, but if less than such a majority is present at a meeting, a majority of the Board members present may adjourn the meeting from time to time without further notice.

24. An act of the majority of the Board members present at a meeting of the General Board at which action on any Association matter is taken shall be presumed to have assented to the action taken unless his dissent shall be entered in the minutes of the meeting.

25. A Board member of the Association who is present at a meeting of the General Board at which action on any Association matter is taken shall be presumed to have assented to the action taken unless his dissent shall be entered in the minutes of the meeting.

26. The General Board may authorize any officer or officers, agent or agents to enter into any contract or execute and deliver any instrument in the name of or on behalf of the Association and such authority may be general or confined to specific instances.

27. Any person or agent elected or appointed by the General Board may be removed by the General Board whenever in its judgment the best interest of the Association would be served thereby, but such removal shall be without prejudice to the contract rights, if any, of the persons so removed.

28. By resolution of the General Board, the Board members may be paid their expenses, if any, of attendance of each meeting of the General Board. No such payment shall preclude any Board member from serving the Association in any other capacity and receiving compensation therefore.

29. The General Board shall provide an Association seal which shall be circular in form and shall have inscribed thereon the name of the corporation and the state of incorporation and the words "Corporate Seal."

COMMITTEES

30. The Moderator shall appoint a committee on committees consisting of five members who shall appoint all committees with the exclusion of the Auditing Committee who shall be appointed by the General Board. The first appointed shall serve a term of one year, the second a term of two years and the third a term of three years; thereafter, each shall be appointed for a term of three years. Members of standing boards, with the exception of the General Board, are not eligible to serve on the Auditing Committee. Their duties are to audit all state books.

31. All resolutions and reports shall bear the name of all the members of the committee who favor them, and if the names be not a majority of all members of such committee, then the clerk shall not read the resolutions or report.

REPRESENTATION

32. The standing delegates of this Association shall be all ordained Free Will Baptist ministers and their wives, all ordained deacons, and associational Clerks, provide they are members in good standing in a Free Will Baptist Church that is in good standing in a recognized district association in this State Association

33. The number of elected delegates to the State Association shall be seven delegates from each affiliated District Association, one delegate from each church, plus one delegate for fifty members for larger fraction thereof. Each church which represents must be a member of a District Association holding membership in this body.

34. This Association may correspond be messenger or otherwise with other religious bodies.

VOTING

35. Those entitled to vote at any annual or special meeting of this State Association shall be elected delegates and the standing delegates as defined By-Laws 33-34. and each delegate or standing delegate shall be entitled to one vote.

36. A majority vote shall be final upon all subjects except to amend the By-Laws, receive Quarterly Meetings or Associations, and the changing of the members of the committees appointed by the Moderator, then it shall require a two-thirds majority.

MEETINGS

37. The sessions of the Association shall convene as decided upon annually by the

GENERAL BOARD

38. The membership of the State Association may designate any place, either within or without the State of Missouri, for any annual meeting. Any special meeting may be called by the General Board. A wavier of notice signed by all members

entitled to vote a meeting may designate any place, either within or without the State of Missouri, unless otherwise prescribed by statute, as the place for holding of such meeting. If no designation is made, or if a special meeting be otherwise called, the place of the meeting shall be the principle office of the corporation of the State of Missouri.

39. In the event the necessity arises from war, or pestilence, or any cause which prevents a regular meeting of the State Association, whether such a condition is of a local or general condition, then the General Board shall be privileged to call and act with full authority in all matters pertaining to the general welfare of the State Association, providing whatever transaction passed shall be by two-thirds vote of the members present, and providing that such transactions shall not conflict with the purpose and edicts of the By-Laws of the State Association.

40. Special meetings of the Association for any purpose or purposes, unless otherwise prescribed by statute, may be called by the General Board, and shall be called by the Moderator at the request of not less than fifty percent of all the delegate members duly elected by District Associations affiliated with the Association.

41. All committees and standing boards shall be permitted to take official votes on any item of business within the scope of their work by mail or by telephone conference call, provided such action is called by a chairman of a board or committee and has been proposed by at least two members of the board or committee.

42. Ten or more ordained ministers or deacons from ten or more affiliated Associations belonging to the State Association shall constitute a quorum to transact business.

43. All business meetings shall be opened by singing, reading a portion from God's Word, and prayer, and shall be closed with prayer.

44. Special Meetings of the General Board or the Executive committee shall be called when necessary by the Moderator, with the written consent of three other members of the Executive Committee. Special Meetings of the Executive Committee shall also be called upon written request of a majority of its members.

45. Notice of any special meeting should be given at least fifteen days previously thereto be written notice delivered by the most convenient manner. Any Board member may waive notice of any meeting. The attendance of a Board member at a meeting shall constitute a waiver of notice of such meeting, except where a Board member attends a meeting for the express purpose of objecting to the transaction of any business because the meeting is not lawfully called or convened.

46. Unless otherwise provided by law, whenever any notice is required to be given to any member or Board member of the Association under the provisions of these By-Laws or under the provisions of the articles of incorporation, a waiver thereof in writing, signed by the person or persons entitled to such notice whether before or after writing, signed by the person or persons entitled to such notice whether

before or after the item stated therein shall be deemed equivalent to the giving of such notice.

DISCIPLINE

47. The State Association shall not usurp any authority over the Quarterly Meetings or Associations that shall be under its supervision, but shall be an advisory body to help them.

48. The fiscal year of the Association shall begin on the first day of January, and end on the 31st day of December each year.

49. All checks, drafts, or other orders for the payment of money notes other evidences of indebtedness issued in the name of the Association, shall be signed by such officer or officers, agent or agents or the Association and in such manners as shall from time to time be determined by resolution of the General Board.

50. No loans shall be contracted, and no evidence of indebtedness shall be issued for which the State Association shall be legally or morally responsible except as approved by the Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptists while in session, or by the General Board while in session.

51. The General Board by a majority vote of the voting delegates of the State Association shall be authorized to create or to increase any bonded indebtedness of the Association.

52. The General Board of the Association shall be authorized by a majority vote of the voting delegates of the State Association, to sell, lease, exchange, mortgage, pledge, or otherwise dispose of all, of the property and the assets of the Association.

53. All funds of the corporation not otherwise employed shall be deposited from time to time to the credit of the Association in such banks, trust companies, or other depositories as the General Board may select.

54. The salaries of employees shall be fixed from time to time by the General Board.

55. The meetings of the State Association and the General Board shall be governed by the rules of parliamentary law as set forth in Robert's Rules of Order, except in the case of those rules which are superseded by some rule of this organization.

56. The Clerk or Assistant Clerk, or in their absence the senior minister in age, shall call the Association to order for business, and call the Moderator or Assistant Moderator to the chair, and if neither moderator or assistant moderator is present, then the senior minister in age shall act as chairman to open the floor for nominations and carry out the election of a moderator pro-tem.

57. All business, except routine, shall be brought before the body by committee,

but shall any committee refuse or fail to present to this body the business given it by any delegate of this Association, then such business may be presented to the body by any delegate, but cannot be discussed unless by a majority vote of this body.

58. Anyone desiring to speak shall rise and say “Brother Moderator” but shall speak no further until he or she is recognized by the Moderator.

59. No one shall speak more than five minutes, or more than twice, on the same subject without the consent of the Moderator.

60. Any delegate of this body can appeal from the decision of the Moderator of the Association, and by a majority vote thereon, the objection shall be sustained or rejected.

61. No one shall leave the Association when in a business session without the consent of the moderator.

62. The moderator shall stop all discussion when not carried on in a Christian spirit, or when he thinks it is likely to lead to discord or division.

63. All business coming before this Association shall be decided by secret ballot when a majority of voting delegates are in opposition to an open vote.

64. We believe that any form of homosexuality, lesbianism, bisexuality, bestiality, incest, fornication, adultery, pornography, pedophilia, and/or elective gender changes are sinful perversions of God’s gift of sex. (Gen. 2:24; Gen 19:5; Gen 26:8-9; Lev. 18:1-30; Rom. 1:26-29; I Cor. 5:1; 6:9; I Thess. 4:1-8; Heb. 13:4). Any District Association which sanctions such conduct will not be accepted or retained as a member of the Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptists.

65. We believe that human life begins at conception and that the unborn child is a living human being. Abortion constitutes the unjustified, unexcused taking of unborn human life. Abortion is murder. We reject any teaching that abortions of pregnancies due to rape, incest, birth defects, gender selection, birth or population control, or the mental well-being of the mother are acceptable. (Job 3:16; Psalms 51:5; 139:14-16; Isa. 44:24; 49: 1, 5; Jer. 1:5; 20:15-18; Luke 1:44) Any District Association which sanctions such conduct will not be accepted or retained as a member of the Missouri State Association of Free Baptists.

66. We believe that Paul’s statement in I Tim. 3:2, 12 and Titus 1:6, namely “The husband of one wife,” be looked upon as making ineligible as pastors or deacons anyone who has been divorced and remarried, or who marries a divorced woman, regardless of the cause of the divorce or the guilt or innocence of either partner. We believe that said persons, whose marital status disqualifies them to be pastors or deacons, not be discouraged in their Christian lives or Christian service, but that they be encouraged to live faithfully for Christ and serve Him in the ministry of the local church; and that such be reminded that pastors and deacons are the

only church officers for whom the “husband of one wife” prohibition is given. While certainly it is the ideal for all believers, it is biblically insisted upon as a requirement for deacons and pastors.

While not insisting that this bylaw be made retroactive, we do establish this standard to be upheld for all new candidates for pastors or deacons.

67. We believe the Bible defines marriage as the union of one man and one woman in an exclusive covenant commitment. No person may be a standing delegate if he knowingly conducts or officiates at a wedding or similar service for any union that does not meet the Biblical definition of marriage. A church or district association is not in good standing if it knowingly permits its properties or ministers to facilitate weddings where the union would not meet the Biblical definition of marriage. A district association is not in good standing if it licenses or ordains any person who affirms or encourages sexual relations outside of Biblical marriage. (Genesis 2:22-24; Proverbs 18:22; Matthew 19:4-6; Hebrews 13:4-7)

AMENDMENTS

68. These By-Laws may be amended at any regular session by a two-thirds majority vote after the proposed amendment has laid on the table one day.

NOTE:

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