

WESLEYAN THEOLOGICAL SOCIETY
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

APRIL 18, 1978

The Executive Committee of The Wesleyan Theological Society met at the Chase Park Hotel, St. Louis, Missouri, at the 110th Annual Convention of the Christian Holiness Association at 9:15 p.m., April 18, 1978.

The President, Melvin E. Dieter, called the meeting to order with John Knight, Donald Dayton and Wayne Caldwell present. Leon Hynson was unable to attend. Wayne Caldwell led in prayer.

The minutes of the Executive Committee Meetings of November 3 and 5, 1977, and the Minutes of the Business Sessions of the 13th Annual Meeting of The Wesleyan Theological Society, November 4 and 5, 1977, held at Huntington College, Huntington, Indiana, were approved as circulated to the Executive Committee, by motion, second and vote.

The motion carried that the 1978 Nominating Committee be comprised of the following persons:

Rob Staples, Chairman
Robert Mattke
Charles Dillman

William Arnett
Luke L. Keefer, Jr.

In the event that one of the above persons cannot serve it was agreed that Duane Beals should serve as an alternate. The Secretary was asked to notify the five members of the Nominating Committee of their appointment.

Attention was given to the 1978 Program with suggestions made for the format, the printed schedule of the program and other details of the 14th Annual Meeting to be held at Mount Vernon Nazarene College, Mount Vernon, Ohio, November 3-4, 1978. Dr. John Knight, Program Chairman, reported that all but one of the topics and papers had been assigned and accepted. It was agreed that there would be no assigned respondents for the papers, but that key persons would be named as moderators during the generous time periods scheduled for discussion following presentation of the papers.

Brief notice was given to the publication of a second Journal, but in the absence of the Editor and inadequate data the matter was deferred until a convenient time following the annual election of officers and committee personnel.

It was agreed that the Executive Committee will meet at 7:00 p.m., Thursday, November 2, 1978, preceding the Annual Meeting at Mount Vernon Nazarene College, to prepare an agenda for the business sessions, approve the proposed budget for recommendation to the membership and to finalize other details of the Annual Meeting.

The special committee on By-Laws and Standing Rules, Melvin Dieter, Wayne Caldwell and Lee Haines, will also proceed with their recommendations for membership approval with a new standing rule on membership changes from one level to another to be considered.

By motion, support and vote it was agreed that the 15th Annual Meeting of the Wesleyan Theological Society will be held at Marion College, November 2-3, 1979.

The Secretary reported that 102 persons had returned the preference poll for the date of the Annual Meeting and that by a large plurality of votes the first Friday and Saturday of November, was preferred.

Discussion was given to varied interests with the following suggestions and notes agreed upon, informally:

1. Donald Dayton requested 50 copies of the 1978 Journal for promotional purposes.
2. Packets of the 14th Annual Program will be sent to the four Regional Training Centers of the Salvation Army in an effort to more widely publicize the Annual Meeting in these key areas of WTS support.
3. Suggestions and ideas for the 1979 program were made as follows: Black Holiness Theology, Salvation Army Holiness Theology with an emphasis on William Booth's ministry, and the Impact of Mennonite Theology on Wesleyanism.
4. The request of Thomas Hermiz that the WTS consider solicitations and/or assignments of brief articles on Holiness topics for publication in various religious periodicals was referred to Melvin Dieter to talk further with Thomas Hermiz. It was agreed that this might best be handled by the editors of the various periodicals, rather than by WTS.

The Secretary presented a written report of the membership and financial statistics for the fiscal year to April 18, 1978.

The motion was made and seconded with vote to authorize the Secretary to reprint two Volumes, 3 and 5, 1968 and 1970, of Wesleyan Theological Journals at the lowest bid price submitted by Edwards Brothers, Ann Arbor, Michigan.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Wayne E. Caldwell

Wayne E. Caldwell, Secretary - Treasurer

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE TELEPHONE CONFERENCE: On Monday, May 19, 1980, a telephone conference of Executive Committee Members of the WTS, Laurence W. Wood, Wayne G. McCown, Wayne E. Caldwell and Lee M. Haines was held to finalize the program for 1980. Donald Dayton was in Europe at the time.

Dr. McCown reported that three topics were secured as follows:

Wesley's Interpretation of Scripture in Historical Perspective,
Dr. Larry Shelton, Seattle Pacific University

The Interpretation of Prophecy in Ezekiel, the Case of Non-fulfillment
in Predictive Prophecy, Dr. David Thompson, Asbury Theological Seminary

The Devotional Use of the Bible, William Vermillion

Tentative topics and writers of other areas of Hermeneutics were approved, including: Dr. Thomas C. Oden, The Theological School at Drew University; Dr. Richard Howard, Eastern Nazarene College; Dr. Dennis Kinlaw, Asbury College; and Dr. Robert Tuttle, Oral Roberts University.

Dr. McCown was authorized to follow through on all details of finalizing the program by contacting the writers by telephone and by working with Dr. Rob Staples at Nazarene Theological Seminary in working out the schedule and other details of the annual meeting.

It was agreed that the secretary would have the programs printed and mailed from Marion, Indiana by mid-August, 1980.

The telephone conference began at 10 p. m., EST and ended at 10:45 p.m., EST.

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