

Minutes of the General Business Meeting of the Wesleyan Theological Society 11/7/97

The meeting was called to order at 4:35 P.M. at Mt. Vernon Nazarene College.

W. Tracy began the meeting by providing the President's report. He thanked the society and executive committee he has worked with during his term. He then reported on the activities that he performed as president.

W. Tracy then presented the executive committee's report to expand the society's inclusiveness. There is a desire by the executive committee to recruit more representation from women and racial/ethnic/minority groups. The president's report was accepted.

D. Strong then reported as the acting first Vice-President. He reported that the year's activities could be seen in the form of meeting of the society. He expressed thanks to B. Kostlevy, Mount Vernon Nazarene College, and W. Tracy.

A. Truesdale presented the second Vice-President's report. He presented the call for papers to be presented in 1999. The topic will be: Wesleyan Theology in a Postmodern Era. He stressed that papers should be faithful to the Wesleyan tradition and people while dealing honestly with Postmodern thought.

B. Kostlevy presented the Secretary/Treasurer report. The budget was put before the members as modified to reflect one and a half years. This includes the expense for printing of three issues of the *Journal* instead of the normal two. The budget was accepted as presented.

There was a question concerning the web page sponsored by the CHP. There was also encouragement to seek out new members.

In accepting the budget, the Inclusiveness of Membership proposal was technically approved. There was a confidence vote taken and it was unanimously accepted.

B. Callen presented the *Journal* Editor's report. There was distributed a list of *Journal* contributions. He also reported that two issues of the *Journal* have been published on time this year and that the Spring 1998 issue is in progress.

S. Lennox presented the Publicity and Promotions report. His report was filled with encouragements and challenges. Members are encouraged to actively promote the society and recruit new members. They are challenged to follow up on the proposal to involve more women and minority groups. Members are encouraged to approach people in publishing to promote the *Journal*. Lastly, they are asked to recognize long-term members by contributing to the endowment fund in honor of these people.

K. Collins brought the report for the Nominating Committee. He began by thanking W. Tracy for his term as President. He then presented the candidates for the office of second Vice-President and to fill the vacancy in the Editorial Committee. Those presented as candidates for the office of second Vice-President were: Dr. Steven Land and Dr. Kelli Steve McCormick. Stan Ingersol and Tom Philips were candidates for the vacancy on the Editorial Committee. There were no nominations from the floor. Voting was cast by secret ballot.

W. Faupel presented a special report concerning the joint meeting of the the WTS and the Society for Pentecostal Studies in the Spring of 1998. The theme for the meeting is: Purity and Power: Revisioning the Pentecostal/Charismatic Movement for the 21st Century. The meeting will follow the format of the SPS, meeting Thursday through Saturday. Opening worship will be Thursday night with Dr. William Abraham being the speaker. David Seamands and Hollis Goss will be honored at that time also. There will be five plenary sessions and six parallel sessions with seven tracts each. A discussion panel is planned for Friday night.

D. Dayton presented his report from the Committee on Faith and Order. ---He attended meetings.--

S. Pearson presented a report from the Wesleyan/Holiness Women Clergy Conference. She announced support of the WHWC conference. Members were also invited to their conference meeting. She also expressed thanks for the inclusiveness proposal.

W. Tracy expressed thanks to Mount Vernon Nazarene College for inviting and sponsoring this year's meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 5:42 P.M.