

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
OF SOUTHWESTERN  
HELD IN THE DIRECTORS' ROOM  
PALMER HALL  
FEBRUARY 4, 1941

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The semi-annual meeting of the Board of Directors of Southwestern was held in the Directors' Room, Palmer Hall, on Tuesday, February 4, 1941, at 9:00 A.M.

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, B.A. Patch, and was opened with prayer by Dr. D.C. MacGuire.

The roll call showed the following members present:

Chas. E. Diehl, ex-officio

ALABAMA:	LOUISIANA:	MISSISSIPPI:	TENNESSEE:
W. Neely Mallory	Wade H. Boggs	W. Stennis Johnson	S.W. Farnsworth
D.C. MacGuire	J.S. Land	George M. Smiley	William Hume
J.P. Whiteside	T.W. Lewis		Moore Moore
			B.A. Patch

The Secretary presented excuses for absence from Mr. Allen Rushton, of the Synod of Alabama, and from Mr. B.B. Taylor, of the Synod of Louisiana.

It was announced that the Reverend J.S. Land, D.D., pastor of the St. Charles Avenue Presbyterian Church, New Orleans, Louisiana, had accepted an ad interim appointment from the Moderator of the Synod of Louisiana, to succeed Dr. W.McF. Alexander, who has served as a member of the Board of Directors from the Synod of Louisiana since 1901, and who was made Director-Emeritus at the fall meeting of the Synod in 1940; that Mr. W. Stennis Johnson, of McComb, Mississippi, had been elected by the Synod of Mississippi for the term expiring in 1944, to succeed the late Dr. J.B. Hutton.

It was ordered that the memorial to Dr. J.B. Hutton which was adopted by the Executive Committee on September 23, 1940 be appended to the minutes of this meeting.

Miss Erma Reese was invited to sit in the meeting as assistant to the Secretary.

The minutes of the meeting of the Board of Directors held on September 10, 1940 were read for information.

In view of the fact that copies of the minutes of the Executive Committee meetings held since the meeting of the Board on September 10, 1940, with the exception of the meeting held on January 31, 1941, had been sent to all of the members of the Board, only the minutes of the January 31st meeting were read, after which the Board approved all of the minutes of the Executive Committee since September 10, 1940.

President Diehl stated that some of the outstanding citizens of Memphis, who have helped, and are helping, in the annual support fund campaigns for Southwestern in Memphis, had been invited to have lunch with the members of the Board at the Peabody Hotel at 12:15. The Board recessed at 11:45 A.M. for this purpose.

The following men attended the luncheon: Mayor Walter Chandler, Messrs. Vance J. Alexander, E.R. Barrow, S. Toof Brown, A.K. Burrow, E.B. LeMaster, A. Van Pritchartt and Norfleet Turner. The following were unable to accept the invitation for various reasons: Messrs. W.L. Acroyd, R.B. Barton, Troy Beatty, J. Bayard Boyle, Enoch Brown, Jr., E.C. Ellett, Horace H. Hull and Hardwig Peres.

President Diehl invited the members of the Board to the Band House on the campus at 4:00 P.M. for an informal social meeting with the members of the Faculty.

It was stated that Mr. Mallory had been suddenly called to Washington, D.C., and that he would have to leave the meeting early in order to catch the noon plane. In view of this fact, he asked to be heard immediately with regard to a plan for enlarging the Board of Directors, which plan, if approved, would require an amendment to the legislation which Southwestern had had the Legislature of Tennessee enact in 1923. This matter had been frequently discussed informally by the Executive Committee and, at the Committee's request, an amendment had been drawn up by Mr. C.H. McKay, our attorney. After considerable discussion and some suggested changes, the Board unanimously approved the general plan and authorized the Executive Committee to take such steps as might be necessary to have this amendment as incorporated in these minutes passed by the Legislature of Tennessee, which is now in session:

A Bill to be Entitled "An Act to Amend Sections 4168, 4169, 4170, 4171, 4172, 4173, 4174, 4175 and 4176 of the Code of Tennessee of 1932 Revising and Codifying Chapter 98 of the Public Acts of the General Assembly of the State of Tennessee of 1923 Entitled 'An Act to Amend Chapter 142 of the Acts of the General Assembly of the State of Tennessee of 1875 Entitled "An Act to Provide for the Organization of Corporations" ' " which provide for the Incorporation of Educational Institutions Affiliated with or Controlled by the Governing or Subordinate Bodies of Any Religious Denomination, so as to Provide that the Board of Directors of Any Corporation Heretofore or Hereafter Incorporated Thereunder May, with the Concurrence of the Governing Body or the Majority of the Governing Bodies with which said Institution is Affiliated or by which it is Controlled, Elect Additional Members of the Board of Directors.

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That Sections 4168, 4169, 4170, 4171, 4172, 4173, 4174, 4175 and 4176 of the Code of Tennessee of 1932 revising and codifying Chapter 98 of the Public Acts of the General Assembly of the State of Tennessee of 1923 entitled "An Act to Amend Chapter 142 of the Acts of the General Assembly of the State of Tennessee of 1875 Entitled 'An Act to Provide for the Organization of Corporations' " which provide for the incorporation of educational institutions affiliated with or controlled by the governing body or subordinate bodies of any religious denomination, be amended so as to provide that the Board of Directors of any corporation heretofore or hereafter incorporated thereunder is authorized and empowered, at its option

and with the concurrence of the governing body or the majority of the governing bodies with which said institution is affiliated or by which it is controlled, to elect additional members of the Board of Directors in such number as the Board of Directors may determine, provided however that the number of such additional directors shall never equal or exceed the number of directors elected by said governing body or bodies, as now provided by law, but said additional directors shall always be in the minority.

SECTION 2. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Board of Directors elected by said governing body or bodies shall have the power to prescribe the terms of office of said additional directors, their powers, duties and authority and their qualifications, to elect the successors of such additional directors as their terms may expire and to provide for the filling of vacancies among said additional directors in the interim.

SECTION 3. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That all inconsistent provisions of the statutes hereby amended are modified, if ~~but~~ only if the provisions of this act are availed of, to the extent necessary to effectuate the purposes of this act, and in all other respects said statutes shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 4. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this act take effect from and after its passage, the public welfare requiring it.

President Diehl stated that, because of illness, Dr. John H. Davis, Professor of History, had been given a leave of absence for the second semester of this session; that Mr. Edward T. Lampson, who received his A.B. degree from Amherst College, and his M.A. and Ph.D. degrees from Harvard University, had been appointed as Assistant Professor of History for the second semester, at a salary of \$1100.00; that Mr. Russell B. Archer, Assistant Professor of Speech and Dramatics, had been called to active army duty as a Reserve Officer; that Mr. Harry B. Davis, who has his B.L.I. degree from Emerson College, Boston, had been appointed as Assistant Professor of Speech and Dramatics for the second semester, at a salary of \$1000.00; that Dr. M.E. Porter's leave of absence had been extended for the second semester, and that Mrs. John Avakian had been secured to take his place in the French and Spanish Departments, at a salary of \$750.00 for the semester. These changes in the faculty were approved by the Board.

After allowing time for the deliberations of the Committee on Honorary Degrees, the meeting reconvened at 3:00 P.M., and the Committee on Honorary Degrees made the following recommendations for honorary degrees to be conferred on June 10, 1941:

DOCTOR OF DIVINITY:

The Reverend A.G. Irons, Fairfield, Alabama  
The Reverend John W. Young, Jackson, Mississippi

DOCTOR OF SCIENCE:

J. Lister Skinner, Director of the Wm. R. Moore School  
of Technology, Memphis, Tennessee

DOCTOR OF LITERATURE:

Rabbi Harry W. Ettelson, Congregation Children of  
Israel, Memphis, Tennessee

DOCTOR OF LAWS:

Bishop James M. Maxon, Episcopal Diocese of Tennessee,  
Memphis, Tennessee

Upon motion the recommendations were unanimously approved, and the Secretary was accordingly instructed to cast the ballot for these nominees. This was done, and they were declared to be elected.

President Diehl spoke on different matters of interest such as the need for additional dormitories on the campus, the progress which is being made in securing scholarships (see page 17 of the President's Annual Report of September 10, 1940, paragraph 3), the status of the Sallie P. Williams estate, and then explained the background leading up to the resolution which was adopted by the Executive Committee on December 23, 1940, and which is as follows:

A STATEMENT OF SOUTHWESTERN'S ATHLETIC POLICY, WITH SPECIAL REFERENCE TO INTERCOLLEGIATE FOOTBALL

For some years Southwestern has given serious consideration to its athletic program. Intercollegiate football, with its exacting demands, both on the student's time and energy and the finances of the college, has caused the greatest concern.

After detailed consideration of the whole matter from many angles, and with the realization that an educational institution cannot follow a policy which imperils either its academic standing or its budget, Southwestern has adopted the following definite items of policy.

1. The 1941 varsity football schedule will be completed as announced, and the obligations of the college, both to students now enrolled and to other institutions, will be fulfilled.

2. Other intercollegiate sports will be continued, as well as intramural athletics.

3. No financial inducements will be offered to future students on account of football or other athletic ability. All scholarships and grants-in-aid will be awarded by the Faculty Committee on Scholarship and Student Aid on the basis of scholastic record and proven need.

4. Football games for the 1942 and succeeding seasons will be scheduled only with institutions which are, in general, following a policy of non-subsidization of athletics and which maintain academic standards similar to those of Southwestern. It is hoped that in this way Southwestern may become one of the leaders in a group concerned with preserving football as a college game and not as a college business.

5. Edwin Kubale, who has demonstrated the fact that he is an outstanding coach and athletic director, will be retained in his present position.

Mr. Gordon Siefkin, Assistant to the President, explained in a general way his activities in the field of public relations, and asked that funds received by the Alumni Office be set aside in a separate account and earmarked "The Alumni Fund." Mr. Siefkin's request was unanimously approved by the Board.

Dr. Boggs stated that he had been active in trying to secure funds for a dormitory on the campus for women students, and that he has a friend who is very much interested in the matter. The man is interested to the extent of offering to provide some \$20,000.00, one-fourth of the amount necessary for the erection of the dormitory, if the other three cooperating Synods were willing to match this contribution. Dr. Boggs was hopeful that some definite plan might be worked out by which this dormitory could be erected by next September.

This statement of Dr. Boggs was received with enthusiasm by the members of the Board, and, upon motion of Mr. Lewis, the following resolution was adopted:

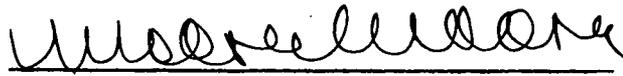
That Dr. Boggs be asked to communicate to his friend the Board's deep appreciation for his timely interest, to make clear to him that a woman's dormitory is the most imperative present need of the college, and to express the hope that some plan can be worked out by which the erection of this dormitory may be begun in the very near future;

That we recognize the wisdom and propriety, generally speaking, of doing what he has in mind, of stimulating the other three cooperating Synods, by a challenging offer, to measure up to their responsibility;

That, however, in view of the urgency of our need and the time that would be required to get the other three Synods to match his proposition, it is hoped that some more immediate plan can be hit upon;

That the Board request the President and the Secretary to confer with Dr. Boggs about this matter, and that the President be directed to go to Shreveport for the purpose of talking the matter over with Dr. Boggs and his generously inclined friend.

The minutes were read and approved, and the meeting adjourned at 5:30 P.M., with prayer by Mr. Lewis.

  
Secretary.

IN MEMORIAM

The Executive Committee of the Board of Directors of Southwestern is shocked to learn of the death on Sunday, September 22, 1940, of the Reverend J.B. Hutton, D.D., of Jackson, Mississippi. Dr. Hutton has been identified with the educational work of the Church throughout the period of his long ministry, and has been a member of the Board of Directors of Southwestern since 1933. He has been an honorary alumnus of Southwestern since 1903, the degree of Doctor of Divinity having been conferred upon him at that time, and he has been closely associated with the college for many years.

Dr. Hutton was a man of unusual ability and force, and commanded a position of outstanding leadership in the Southern Presbyterian Church. No one excelled him in his interest in the work of the Church, and he was unfailing in his duty as a Presbyter. He stood squarely for his convictions, and he endeavored faithfully and courageously to discharge his duties. He was stricken in the line of duty, while attending the annual meeting of the Board of Directors of Southwestern on September 10, 1940.

The Executive Committee extends its sympathy particularly to the members of his bereaved family, and also to the members of his church, which he served so long and so devotedly. His sympathetic and unselfish service as a pastor for forty-four years is unique in the history of our Church.

This memorial to our deceased colleague is recorded in the minutes of this meeting, and it is ordered that copies be sent to his family, to the Session of the First Presbyterian Church, Jackson, Mississippi, and to the Synod of Mississippi.