

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
OF SOUTHWESTERN  
HELD IN THE DIRECTORS' ROOM  
PALMER HALL  
FEBRUARY 7, 1939  
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The regular stated meeting of the Board of Directors of Southwestern was held in the Directors' Room, Palmer Hall on Tuesday, February 7, 1939, at 9:00 A.M.

The meeting was opened with prayer by the Chairman, Dr. W.McF. Alexander.

The roll call showed the following members present:

Chas. E. Diehl, ex officio

ALABAMA:	LOUISIANA:	MISSISSIPPI:	TENNESSEE:
J.P. Whiteside	Wade H. Boggs	J.B. Hutton	William Hume
D.C. MacGuire	W.McF. Alexander	G.M. Smiley	B.A. Patch
Allen Rushton	E.B. LeMaster	Warren Potts	Sidney W. Farnsworth
W. Neely Mallory			Moore Moore

The Secretary read a letter from Mr. B.B. Taylor, of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, explaining his inability to be present at this meeting of the Board.

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

The minutes of the annual meeting of the Board of Directors held on September 6, 1938 were read for information.

The minutes of the meeting of the Executive Committee held on February 3, 1939 were read and approved. All of the minutes of the meetings of the Executive Committee held since the last annual meeting of the Board had been sent to the members of the Board, with the exception of the meeting held on February 3, 1939. Upon motion, all of the minutes of the Executive Committee were approved by the Board.

The Chairman appointed the following committees:

FINANCE - J.P. Whiteside, B.A. Patch, W. Neely Mallory, Warren Potts and Wade H. Boggs.  
HONORARY DEGREES - Moore Moore, G.M. Smiley, Allen Rushton and Chas. E. Diehl.

President Diehl stated that Mr. H.F. Reinhardt, Director of the annual support fund campaign in Memphis, had invited the members of the Board to attend the report luncheon at the Gayoso Hotel, at 12:15 P.M. The Board accepted this invitation, and it was voted to recess at 11:30 A.M., in order that the members might get down to the hotel by the appointed time. Dr. D.C. MacGuire was appointed to make a few remarks on behalf of the Board at the luncheon.

President Diehl made an oral report on the work of the college for the present session, and stressed the importance of the four Synods giving increased financial support to the institution.

A communication from Dean S.W. Jones, of the University of Memphis Law School, suggesting the possibility of an affiliation with Southwestern, was read by President Diehl. After considerable discussion of this matter, it was moved that the Board receive the communication, that a committee be appointed to investigate the advisability of such a connection and report to the Board at its next meeting. The Chairman appointed on this committee Messrs. Sidney W. Farnsworth, W. Neely Mallory, William Hume, J.P. Whiteside, and Professor C.G. Siefkin, Director of Extension Courses at Southwestern.

The Treasurer made a brief report, which was referred to the Finance Committee.

The President referred to a communication which he had received from our attorney, Mr. C.H. McKay, with reference to the legal costs in connection with the various lawsuits of the North Main Street property. This matter was referred to the Finance Committee.

The question of changing the time for the annual meeting of the Board of Directors, which had been put on the docket at the last Board meeting (September 6, 1938) for consideration at this time, was taken up. In this connection the Directors from the Synod of Mississippi reported that that Synod had appointed a committee to decide upon a time and place for the next meeting of the Synod, that the committee had not made its report, but that they felt sure that the next meeting of the Synod of Mississippi would be held at a time which would not conflict with the annual meeting of the Board of Directors. In view of this fact, upon motion, the consideration of this matter; namely, the time for the annual meeting of the Board of Directors, was deferred until the next meeting of the Board. The Executive Committee was directed to determine the best time for the next annual meeting of the Board.

The proposed amendment to the By-Laws concerning the conferring of honorary degrees (see minutes of the Board of Directors for September 6, 1938) was discussed at some length. Upon motion the Chairman appointed a committee, consisting of Messrs. J.P. Whiteside, William Hume, and Moore Moore, to prepare this amendment and report to the Board later in the day.

The Board recessed at 11:15 A.M. for committee work and luncheon, to reconvene at 2:00 P.M.

Upon reassembling at 2:00 P.M. the special committee presented the following amendment to the By-Laws, which was freely discussed :

The Committee on Honorary Degrees shall consist of five members of the Board who shall consider and recommend to the Board suitable candidates for honorary degrees to be bestowed by the college. Nominations for honorary degrees may be made by any Director, but shall be in writing signed by the Director making the nomination, and shall be referred to the Committee on Honorary Degrees. Recommenda-

tions by the Committee on Honorary Degrees shall be made in writing, and shall set forth in each case the special qualifications possessed by the prospective candidate which seem to entitle him to the honor. Except in extraordinary cases, no honorary degree shall be conferred save upon the candidate present in person at the annual commencement, and a public statement shall then be made of the reasons for which the degree is given.

Voting for nominees for honorary degrees shall be by ballot and may take place at any stated meeting of the Board. It shall require a two-thirds vote of the members present, but not less than the affirmative vote of nine members for granting such degrees.

In an extraordinary case, upon written recommendation of the Executive Committee, a vote for not more than one nominee in any one year may be taken by mail, but not less than the affirmative vote of nine members shall be required to authorize the granting of a degree.

It was moved by Dr. Hutton, as a substitute, that this matter go over to the next meeting of the Board, which motion, upon being put to a vote, was lost. The amendment as presented was then adopted by the Board.

The Committee on Honorary Degrees made the following report, which was adopted:

The Committee on Honorary Degrees recommends that the following degrees be conferred at the commencement exercises in June, 1939:

DOCTOR OF LAWS

Dr. George A. Works, University of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois  
President J.W. Brister, West Tennessee Teachers College, Memphis

DOCTOR OF EDUCATION

Colonel J.W. Kennedy, '15, Chamberlain Hunt Academy, Port  
Gibson, Mississippi

DOCTOR OF LITERATURE

Dr. J.V. Moldenhawer, '97, pastor of the First Presbyterian  
Church, New York, N.Y.

DOCTOR OF DIVINITY

Reverend William Crowe, Jr., '21, Bluefield, W.Va.  
Reverend J.F. Ligon, Columbia, Tennessee

(Signed) Moore Moore  
G.M. Smiley  
Allen Rushton  
Chas. E. Diehl

The Finance Committee made the following report, which was adopted:

1. We are very pleased to note the progress that has been made in correcting the financial trend indicated by results of operations last year. From our study of the operating statement for the portion of the current year which has expired, we have definite hopes of closing the current college year without a deficit. For this result we have to thank the faculty and administrative force in accepting so graciously the reductions in salary which have been necessitated. We are also grateful to the Executive Committee, Mr. Mallory, as Treasurer, the Bursar, Mr. Springfield, for the earnest study and efforts that they have made in bringing our income and disbursements into line with each other.

2. Your committee has discussed again the distressing lack of interest on the part of the several Synods, as indicated by the financial support received. We urge that the members of the Board of Directors study the situation constantly in an endeavor to discover a more effective mode of enlisting the financial interest and support of the several Synods. We think particular attention should be directed to the matter of getting more students from representative families in the supporting Synods and in this way bring about a genuine revival of interest on the part of the several Synods in the fundamentals underlying Southwestern, namely; Christian Education.


3. We have noted the letter of Burch, Minor and McKay, dated January 30, 1939, with reference to the Pacini suits. We suggest that this matter be referred to the Executive Committee with power to act, and suggest that they avail themselves of the advice of Mr. Hume in reaching a proper solution of the matter.

Respectfully submitted,

W. Neely Mallory  
Wade H. Boggs  
Warren Potts  
B.A. Patch  
J.P. Whiteside

At this time the President made a talk stressing the urgent need for a woman's dormitory and an additional dormitory for men on the campus, and asked for the cooperation of the members of the Board in solving this problem.

The minutes of the meeting were read and approved, and the meeting adjourned at 3:00 P.M., with prayer by the Chairman.

  
Secretary.

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A called meeting of the Board of Directors of Southwestern was held on Tuesday, May 30, 1939, at 9:00 A.M., in the Directors' Room, Palmer Hall, pursuant to the following call:

May 23, 1939

The Chairman of the Board of Directors has directed me to call a special meeting of the Board of Directors for Tuesday, May 30, 1939, at 9:00 A.M., in the Directors' Room, Palmer Hall. This meeting is to consider the matter suggested in the resolution adopted by the Executive Committee in session today, which is as follows:

WHEREAS the Executive Committee has investigated the desirability, cost of, and financial requirements for building faculty houses on the campus of Southwestern,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED That the Executive Committee deem it of sufficient importance and hereby requests the Chairman of the Board of Directors to call a special meeting of the Board for Tuesday, May 30, 1939, at 9:00 A.M., in the Directors' Room, Palmer Hall, for the purpose of acting on the proposition, and such other matters as relate to this general question.

Please indicate on the enclosed card whether we may count on your presence, and make every effort to be with us on next Tuesday.

Very truly yours,

Secretary.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Rev. G.M. Smiley.

The roll call showed the following members present:

Chas. E. Diehl, ex officio

ALABAMA:

W. Neely Mallory

LOUISIANA:

E.B. LeMaster

MISSISSIPPI:

G.M. Smiley

TENNESSEE:

B.A. Patch

S.W. Farnsworth

Moore Moore

Communications were received from Drs. W.McF. Alexander and D.C. MacGuire

Messrs. Allen Rushton and William Hume, explaining their inability to be present at this meeting of the Board.

The Secretary announced that there was no quorum present. It was decided to proceed with the meeting just as though a quorum were present, and adjourn to meet at a later date for final action.

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

The Secretary read for information the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Directors held on February 7, 1939:

Mr. Farnsworth presented facts and figures with reference to the question before the Board. After a lengthy discussion of the matter; in which Mr. C.H. McKay, our attorney, who was present by invitation, participated, the following resolution was introduced, and un-animously approved by the Board members present:

At the instance of the Executive Committee, Messrs. Sidney W. Farnsworth and W. Neely Mallory reported on the plans looking to the erection of dwellings for occupancy of the faculty on the campus of the College. The members present approved tentative plans for the erection of dwellings in such number as may be required, at a cost of approximately \$7,000 each; and authorized and directed the Executive Committee to proceed with such negotiations as meet the requirements of the F.H.A. on financial details. They also authorized and directed the officers of the Corporation to organize a subsidiary corporation, execute a deed or deeds under the seal of Southwestern, conveying to said subsidiary corporation a site for these dwellings, 800 feet fronting on the west side of Charles Street by 175 feet in depth, beginning at the northwest corner of Charles Street and Hein Park <sup>South</sup> Drive projected west, and take such other steps as the F.H.A. may require, with the distinct understanding, however, that Southwestern is to be subjected to no liability for the indebtedness incurred.

The Executive Committee is also authorized and directed to invest out of available Southwestern funds the sum of \$5,000 in the capital stock of the subsidiary corporation.

At 12:30 P.M. the meeting adjourned to meet on Tuesday, June 6, 1939, at 9:30 A.M., in the Directors' Room, Palmer Hall; for final consideration of this matter.

The Secretary was instructed to send these minutes out promptly, recording the resolution to be acted upon, requesting those members who might not be able to be present on June 6th to indicate their approval of same by signing at the place indicated at the bottom of the copy, and return it to him at once.

  
Secretary

I hereby consent to the adoption of the above resolution, and authorize and empower the Secretary to register my vote in favor of the resolution just as if I were present in person.

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