

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF SOUTHWESTERN
HELD IN THE DIRECTORS' ROOM
PALMER HALL
FEBRUARY 6, 1940

The regular stated meeting of the Board of Directors of Southwestern was held in the Directors' Room, Palmer Hall, on Tuesday, February 6, 1940, at 9:00 A.M.

The meeting was called to order by the Secretary, and Dr. J.B. Hutton opened the meeting with prayer.

The roll call showed the following members present:

Chas. E. Diehl, ex officio

ALABAMA:	LOUISIANA:	MISSISSIPPI:	TENNESSEE:
W. Neely Mallory	Wade H. Boggs	J.B. Hutton	Moore Moore
Allen Rushton		G.M. Smiley	

The Secretary reported that the following members were absent because of illness: E.B. LeMaster, Sidney W. Farnsworth, W.McF. Alexander, B.A. Patch, and William Hume. A telegram was received from D.C. MacGuire stating that he was unable to attend the meeting because of the serious illness of several of his parishioners. Messrs. B.B. Taylor, J.P. Whiteside and Warren Potts were unable to be present because of business matters.

Dr. Wade H. Boggs was asked to serve as Chairman.

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

Nine members of the Board constitute a quorum, and there were only seven members present, but it was decided by common consent of the members present to proceed with the business to come before the Board, and submit the proceedings to Messrs. E.B. LeMaster and Sidney W. Farnsworth, the two Directors in Memphis who were unable to be present on account of illness, whose approval of these minutes would be considered as thus constituting a quorum.

Since the minutes of the annual meeting of the Board of Directors held on September 5, 1939 had been sent to all of the members of the Board, it was moved that they not be read at this time.

Upon motion of Mr. Mallory, the minutes of the meetings of the Executive Committee held since the annual meeting of the Board, copies of which minutes have been sent to each member of the Board, be approved.

Upon motion, duly seconded, Mr. Sidney W. Farnsworth, who is Vice-Chairman of the Executive Committee, was elected the Second Vice-Chairman of the Board of Directors.

The Treasurer made a brief statement concerning the finances of the college as of December 31, 1939.

President Dichl presented the following memorial to Drs. James I. Vance and Albert Bruce Curry, which was adopted by the Board, copies of which are to be sent by the Secretary to the respective families:

IN MEMORIAM

It is with deep sorrow that we record the passing of two great souls who shared most effectively in the labor of establishing the Southwestern of today. Dr. James I. Vance, who died on November 24, 1939, at the age of seventy-seven, was for twenty years, from 1914-1934, a member of the Board of Directors of Southwestern, and for a number of years was Vice-Chairman of the Board. Wholcheartedly he devoted his unique gifts to the college and served with unswerving fidelity until his physician required him to relinquish his duties.

Dr. Albert Bruce Curry, who died on December 3, 1939, at the age of eighty-seven, was for six years, from 1925-1931, a member of the Board of Directors of Southwestern. Like Dr. Vance, Dr. Curry was also Vice-Chairman of the Board, serving for a shorter period but with equal fidelity, until ill health made it necessary for him to retire from the Directorate.

The retirement of these two active and valuable directors was a great loss, tempered only by their continued and unfailing friendship and their loyal cooperation. Both of these men were staunch friends, intelligent supporters of the distinctive policy to which the college is committed.

In the tribute of the Faculty Committee to these two men, it was said of Dr. Vance: "He not only sympathized with, but was energetically active in forwarding the endeavor to make and keep Southwestern genuinely an institution of sound learning, Christian in conduct and character, embodying the highest ideals in every sphere, a place where, indeed, light shall lead and none shall fear to follow."

And of Dr. Curry this same Faculty Committee said: "It is sincerely hoped that the memory and the influence of his gentleness, probity, fidelity, and Christian charity may remain a continuing force among those who have aught to do with the conduct of this institution."

We direct that a page of our permanent records be dedicated to the memory of these two outstanding servants of God with this inscription -

"Sacred to the memory of

The Reverend James Isaac Vance, D.D., LL.D., 1862-1939
Member of the Board of Directors of Southwestern, 1914-1934

and

The Reverend Albert Bruce Curry, D.D., LL.D., 1852-1939
Member of the Board of Directors of Southwestern, 1925-1931

'To live in hearts we leave behind
Is not to die'. "

President Diehl read a letter from Mr. James A. Winn, Dr. Curry's son-in-law and his executor, concerning the bequest of \$5,000 which Dr. Curry made to Southwestern.

The Committee on revision of the By-Laws reported progress, and asked for further time in which to make a definite report. This request was granted.

President Diehl discussed the proposed joint publicity campaign for colleges of the Southern Presbyterian Church, and introduced Mr. H.F. Reinhardt, Campaign Director for Southwestern's annual support fund campaign in Memphis, who discussed plans for a campaign in Memphis and the four Synods for endowment funds for Southwestern.

The Board recessed for luncheon at 12:30 in Hugh M. Neely Hall.

Upon reconvening, the Committee on Honorary Degrees, with which Dr. Boggs acted ex-officio, made the following report, which was unanimously adopted by the Board:

The Committee on Honorary Degrees recommends that the following degrees be conferred by Southwestern at the commencement on June 11, 1940:

DOCTOR OF LAWS

President S.C. Garrison, George Peabody College for Teachers,
Nashville, Tennessee
Professor J.B. Green, Columbia Theological Seminary, Decatur,
Georgia.

DOCTOR OF DIVINITY

The Reverend Sam Burney Hay, Auburn, Alabama
The Reverend Robert M. McGehee, '17, Alexandria, Louisiana
The Reverend T.T. Williams, '12-'13, '15-'17, Tunica, Mississippi

In addition to other nominees already on the list, the following were added for consideration in the future:

The Reverend Harold James Dudley, Birmingham, Alabama
A.L. Jackson, Stillman Institute, Tuscaloosa, Alabama
The Reverend J. Nelson Blackburn, '01, Houma, Louisiana
The Reverend Roy E. Watts, '24, Leland, Mississippi
Dr. C.L. Townsend, Southwestern, Memphis, Tennessee
Wm. H. Mason, Laurel, Mississippi
Miss Janie W. McGaughey, Secretary, General Assembly's
Committee on Woman's Work, Atlanta, Georgia

After a very free discussion of the matters submitted by Mr. Reinhardt, the following resolution, offered by Mr. W.H. Mallory, and seconded by Mr. Allen Rushton, was unanimously adopted:

The general plan as outlined by Mr. H.F. Reinhardt was approved and ordered carried out if possible. It was estimated that \$15,000 would be required for the first year's operation under this plan, and it was agreed that efforts should be made to secure this amount as follows:

One-half in the City of Memphis and the Synod of Tennessee, and the other one-half equally divided between the Synods of Alabama, Louisiana and Mississippi, but that no obligation of the college should be incurred until such operating funds were secured. It was ordered that proper committees be formed in these Synods for this purpose, and that the Executive Committee be authorized and directed to have general charge of the preliminaries.

President Diehl announced the gift of the General Education Board of a calculating machine at a cost of approximately \$600.00.

Upon motion, February 25, 1940 was approved as Southwestern Sunday (see minutes of the Board of Directors for September 5, 1939), and the President was asked to communicate with the pastors in the four Synods concerning this matter.

It was noted with regret the number of Directors who were absent on account of illness, and the Secretary was directed to express to them the sympathy of the Board and the best wishes of the Board for their early restoration to health.

The transactions of this meeting were submitted to Messrs. E.B. LeMaster and Sidney W. Farnsworth, and were ratified, approved and confirmed by them just as if they had been present and participating throughout the day.

The minutes were read and approved, and the meeting adjourned at 3:15 P.M., with prayer by the Reverend G.M. Smiley.

 Secretary