

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF SOUTHWESTERN AT MEMPHIS
HELD IN THE DIRECTORS' ROOM
PALMER HALL
FEBRUARY 4, 1947

The regular stated meeting of the Board of Directors of Southwestern at Memphis was held in the Directors' Room, Palmer Hall, on Tuesday, February 4, 1947, at 9:00 A.M.

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Sidney W. Farnsworth, and was opened with prayer by Dr. W.J. Millard.

The roll call showed the following members present:

Chas. E. Diehl, ex officio

ALABAMA:	LOUISIANA:	MISSISSIPPI:	TENNESSEE:
George Lang	T. Walker Lewis	W.J. Millard	Sidney W. Farnsworth
D.H. Edington	J.S. Land	W. Stennis Johnson	W.S. Beasley
	B.B. Taylor	Frank A. England	William Hume
		W.H. McAtee	Moore Moore

The Secretary presented excuses for the absence of Mr. A.K. Burrow and Dr. D.C. MacGuire, of the Synod of Alabama, and Mr. Alfred C. Glassell, of the Synod of Louisiana.

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

The Secretary read the minutes of the Executive Committee meeting which was held on February 3, 1947. Upon motion by Mr. Taylor, the minutes of that meeting, as well as the minutes of the Executive Committee meetings held on November 18, 1946, December 20, 1946, and January 28, 1947, copies of which had been sent to the members of the Board, were approved.

The members of the Board were invited to have luncheon in the Bell Room of Hugh M. Neely Hall at 12:30 P.M.

After a general discussion of the proposition made by Evergreen Presbyterian Church to purchase a portion of Southwestern's property west of University Avenue for the purpose of erecting a new church building, upon motion by Mr. Lewis, seconded by Mr. Beasley, the Board accepted the recommendation made by the Executive Committee on February 3, 1947, and reaffirmed its approval of and desire to have Evergreen Presbyterian Church located on the property, and specifically empowered the Executive Committee to act in this matter.

President Diehl made an oral report on the work of the college for the first semester of the 1946-47 session, stating that the enrollment was 715 - 417 men and 298 women - 314 of whom are veterans. In addition to other items of interest, he reported upon the very satisfactory work which the Reverend W. Taylor Reveley is doing as College Pastor.

Mr. Roy L. Davis, Secretary of Public Relations, who is devoting his full time to the Southwestern Pre-Centennial Building and Endowment Fund Campaign, was invited into the meeting, and made a very enlightening and encouraging report on the efforts which are being put forth in the four cooperating Synods in order to complete successfully the campaign by the extended deadline of June 30, 1947.

The Committee on Honorary Degrees, through its Chairman, Dr. Moore, recommended that the following degrees be conferred at Southwestern's commencement exercises on June 3, 1947.

DOCTOR OF DIVINITY

The Reverend John B. Dickson, pastor of First Presbyterian Church,
Greenwood, Mississippi
The Reverend N.J. Warren, pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Selma, Alabama

DOCTOR OF CIVIL LAW

Judge Camille Kelley, Memphis Juvenile Court, Memphis

DOCTOR OF HUMANE LETTERS

Jackson Davis, Vice-President and Director, General Education Board,
New York, N.Y.
Jesse P. Norfleet, Cotton Factor and member of Board of Trustees of
Vanderbilt University, Memphis

DOCTOR OF LAWS

Walter Chandler, Attorney-at-Law, formerly member of Congress and recently
resigned as Mayor of Memphis, Memphis

Upon motion by Dr. Lang, seconded by Mr. Johnson, the recommendations of the Committee on Honorary Degrees were unanimously approved.

Upon motion, duly seconded, the following students, who have completed the degree requirements of Southwestern at Memphis, were approved to receive their degrees at the commencement exercises on June 3, 1947:

BACHELOR OF ARTS

John Gilliam Hughes, Jr., Memphis
William Maynard Fountain, Jr., Greenwood, Mississippi
David A. Ruffin, Covington, Tennessee
Thomas Tate Tidwell, Memphis

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Albert Cleighton Gannon, Memphis

The Board adopted a motion by Dr. Lang that the Chairman, at the proper time, proceed with plans for the Centennial Celebration in 1948, a celebration which will recognize the services of President Charles E. Diehl and be the occasion for the formal induction of the new President. In this connection, the Chairman, who is also Chairman of the committee for the purpose of making recommendations to the Board for a new President,

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reported on its activities. In true Presbyterian style, the committee was commended for its diligence, and asked to continue the search.

After the reading of the minutes, which were adopted, the meeting adjourned at 12 Noon with prayer by Dr. J.S. Land, to be followed by luncheon and a tour of the library, science building, and the two new dormitories on the campus.


Secretary