

MINUTES OF THE JOINT MEETING  
OF THE  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
OF  
SOUTHWESTERN AT MEMPHIS  
MARCH 17, 1965

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A joint meeting of the Board of Directors and of the Executive Committee of Southwestern At Memphis was held on Wednesday, March 17, 1965, at 4:00 P.M., in the Directors Room, Palmer Hall, on the campus.

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, A.V. Pritchardt, and was opened with prayer by the Reverend Mr. Stewart W. Yandle.

The roll call showed the following Board members present:

ALABAMA:	LOUISIANA:	MISSISSIPPI:	TENNESSEE:
Earl W. Mallick	Alden T. Shotwell	Frank A. England, Jr.	A.V. Pritchardt
Belin V. Bodie	Stewart W. Yandle	Mrs. J. Maury McIntyre	Ross M. Lynn
Mrs. Kenneth Harper	Mrs. Morgan L. Shaw	Orrick Metcalfe	
William H. Mitchell	E.B. LeMaster	W.J. Millard	
Lewis R. Donelson III			

Peyton N. Rhodes, ex officio

Mrs. Erma Solomon, Assistant Secretary, was present by invitation.

It was stated that Carlos G. Spaht (Synod of Louisiana) would be delayed in reaching Memphis, but would be present for the dinner meeting and the meeting of the Board of Directors on Thursday, March 18.

Excuses for the absence of William H. Dale, Morton B. Howell, Jr., and Mrs. David K. Wilson, all from the Synod of Tennessee, were presented.

The following members of the Executive Committee were present, in addition to the Memphis Board members who serve also on the Executive Committee:

Walter P. Armstrong, Jr.	C.W. Butler, Jr.
J. Bayard Boyle	Edmund Orgill
R. Don Warren	

Upon motion by Mr. Mitchell, which was duly seconded, the minutes of the Board of Directors meetings held October 21-22, 1964, were approved and reading for information of these minutes was dispensed with since members of the Board had previously received copies.

Upon motion by Dr. Millard, which was duly seconded, the minutes of the Executive Committee meetings held November 13 and December 21, 1964, January 18 and 27, 1965, copies of which had been received by the Board members, were approved.

The Chairman invited Dr. Ray M. Allen, Dean of Admissions, to the meeting to discuss the admissions policy of the college. The members of the Board and of the Executive Committee were interested in hearing the report of Dean Allen, and he answered a number of questions, after which he retired from the meeting.

After a discussion of plans for the inauguration of Dr. John David Alexander, Jr. as President, it was the consensus that the time should be on a Wednesday and Thursday in late April or early May, 1966, the exact dates to be determined upon after the General Assembly sets the dates for its 1966 meeting. Upon motion by the Secretary, which was duly seconded, it was unanimously voted to set the dates for the 1966 spring meeting of the Board of Directors to coincide with the inaugural dates.

The matter of increasing membership on the Board of Directors by adding four members-at-large, not necessarily members of the Presbyterian Church or from the four cooperating Synods, was considered at length, and it was decided to take no formal action at this time.

The Chairman recommended that two vacancies on the Executive Committee be filled by Messrs. S. Shepherd Tate, an alumnus, attorney, and Episcopalian, and Robert D. McCallum, a member of the firm of Geo. H. McFadden & Bro., Inc., and of Second Presbyterian Church. Upon motion by Mr. England, seconded by Mr. Bodie, these gentlemen were unanimously elected to membership on the Executive Committee.

The members of the Board, Executive and Investment Committees, with their wives and/or husbands, as well as Messrs. J.A. Rollow (College Engineer), James M. Chambers (Assistant Comptroller), Roy Twaddle (Superintendent of Maintenance), Kenneth Berryhill (Director of Public Relations), and A.O. Canon (Dean of Alumni and Development), with their wives, met for dinner in the Catherine Burrow Refectory at 6:30 P.M., after which President Rhodes reported briefly on a number of activities at the college, particularly the 1965 Annual Sponsors' Program and the progress of North Hall (men's residence) construction. He also reported that ground was broken for the Thomas W. Briggs Student Center on February 10, 1965, that the foundations for it were being laid, and that bids for its erection would be received on Friday, March 26, 1965. He further discussed several factors which from time to time create problems in colleges, among them being

- (1) differences of political views of faculty, students, and the public,
- (2) integration problems and changing social trends,
- (3) the proper restraint and discipline of over nine hundred young people, closely associated and often lacking adequate home example, and
- (4) confusion in the church-at-large and differences about Bible teaching - occasional criticism by those relatively uninformed and fearful of having fixed beliefs or convictions disturbed.

The Chairman presented President and Mrs. Rhodes with a large, beautiful covered silver supper dish, appropriately inscribed, a gift from the members of the Board, Executive and Investment Committees in appreciation of their years of service at Southwestern.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 P.M., in order that the several committees could meet before reporting to the Board on Thursday, March 18.

  
Secretary