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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF SOUTHWESTERN
HELD IN THE DIRECTORS' ROOM
PALMER HALL
FEBRUARY 2, 1943

The regular stated meeting of the Board of Directors of Southwestern was held in the Directors' Room, Palmer Hall, on Tuesday, February 2, 1943 at 9:00 A.M.

The meeting was called to order by the Vice-Chairman, T.W. Lewis, 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:
D.C. MacGuire	J.S. Land	George M. Smiley	William Hume
W.T. Neal	Wade H. Boggs	W. Stennis Johnson	Moore Moore
George Lang	B.B. Taylor	W.J. Millard	
	T.W. Lewis		

Mr. A.K. Burrow, Acting Treasurer and a member of the Executive Committee, was also present.

The Secretary presented an excuse for the absence of Mr. Warren Potts, of the Synod of Mississippi. Messrs. S.W. Farnsworth, of the Synod of Tennessee, and W. Neely Mallory, of the Synod of Alabama, are serving in the armed forces of our country.

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

Upon motion, duly seconded and carried, the reading of the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Directors held on September 8, 1942 was dispensed with, as was the reading of the minutes of the meetings of the Executive Committee held since the annual meeting of the Board in September. Copies of all of these minutes had been sent to the members of the Board. The minutes of the meetings of the Executive Committee since the meeting of the Board on September 8, 1942 were approved by the Board.

Upon motion by Dr. Boggs, duly seconded, the appointments of Mr. Vance J. Alexander, President of the Union Planters National Bank & Trust Company, Memphis, as a member of the Executive Committee, and Mr. Snowden Boyle, of the firm of Boyle Investment Company, Memphis, as a member of the Investment Committee, were ratified by the Board (See minutes of the meeting of the Board of Directors held on September 8, 1942, page 5).

President Diehl read a letter which he recently received from the Chairman, Mr. S.W. Farnsworth, who is now serving abroad with the armed forces of our country.

Upon motion of Dr. Boggs, the Secretary was directed to write to the members of the Board and the Executive Committee who are in the armed services, assuring them that the Board feels their absence very keenly, and that the members pledge their undivided support of them in their efforts to preserve the American way of life.

The members of the Board were invited to attend the opening campaign dinner this evening at the Gayoso Hotel at six-fifteen.

The hour of 12:30 was set for luncheon in the Bell Room of Hugh M. Neely Hall, and the members of the Board were invited to be the guests of the college.

President Diehl announced the death of our attorney, Mr. C.H. McKay, on January 19, 1943. The Board expressed its profound regret, and it was agreed that no change be made in the arrangement which Southwestern now has with the firm of Burch, Minor and McKay.

It was announced by President Diehl that, in accordance with the actions taken by the Executive Committee on January 15, 1942 and on August 7, 1942, the following degrees in course were awarded at the completion of the first semester on January 23, 1943. The action in granting these degrees was approved.

BACHELOR OF ARTS

Lester Marchant Baggett	Memphis, Tennessee
Robert Homer Beasley, Jr.	Tuscumbia, Alabama
Georganne Little Beaumont	Germantown, Tennessee
Walton Smith Cole	Kerrville, Tennessee
James Dabney Collier, Jr.	Memphis, Tennessee
Dorothy Irene Daniel	Memphis, Tennessee
Reama LeCroy DeVall	Memphis, Tennessee
Venn Allison Furr	Marks, Mississippi
Mary Harriett Hunter	Memphis, Tennessee
Emmett Edward Kelly (Honors in History)	Tupelo, Mississippi
Cheves Kilgore Ligon (Distinction in Philosophy)	Columbia, Tennessee
Hannah Flattau Miller	Memphis, Tennessee
Elizabeth Davis Woodcock	Memphis, Tennessee
William Arthur Wooten, Jr.	Memphis, Tennessee

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Edward Neufville Adams, Jr.	Columbia, Mississippi
Fleet Eugene Edwards, Jr.	Memphis, Tennessee
James Clement McNeese, Jr.	McComb, Mississippi
Claude Romine, Jr.	Arcola, Mississippi

The Chairman called for the consideration of the four amendments to the By-Laws which were carried over from the meeting of the Board of Directors on September 8, 1942. The first amendment, reading "that four members of the Executive Committee shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of any business which may properly come before the Committee", was changed to read "In view of the fact that several members of the Executive Committee are serving in the armed forces, four members of the Executive Committee shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of any business which may properly come before the Committee."

2. Delete last clause of paragraph 4 on page 39 of the printed History, Charter and By-Laws (1940 edition), making the paragraph read as follows:

The Board may for adequate cause, other than economic reasons, terminate the appointment of any officer of instruction.

3. Change title of Bursar to that of Bursar and Business Manager.
4. Make Supervisor of Property responsible to the Business Manager, rather than directly to the President.

After due consideration by the Board, the four suggested amendments to the By-Laws were unanimously passed.

The matter of settling with Mr. Henry C. Hibbs, the architect, for drawing up the plans for the proposed dormitory was discussed at some length. Upon motion by Mr. Taylor, the following action was taken:

That President Diehl and Mr. Hume be authorized to arrange with Mr. Hibbs to complete the plans and specifications for the dormitory, and that they make the best possible arrangement to satisfy Mr. Hibbs for the work he has done on the plans for a speech building, with the understanding that he is not to complete the plans for the speech building, and that he be paid for the dormitory plans, as well as for the work he has already done on the speech building, out of the money from the Voorhies' estate.

President Diehl made a verbal report on the work of the college, and of the efforts which have been put forth to secure a government contract for Southwestern.

The Reverend Roy L. Davis, Secretary of Public Relations, was invited into the meeting, and made a short report on his work.

Dr. F.B. Gear, Vice-President, was also invited into the meeting, and made a report to the Board.

The Chairman of the Committee on Honorary Degrees made the following report for the Committee:

The Committee on Honorary Degrees recommends that the following degrees be conferred at the commencement exercises in May, 1943:

DOCTOR OF DIVINITY

The Reverend Theodore N. Barth, Rector of Calvary Episcopal Church, Memphis, Tennessee

The Reverend Paul M. Watson, pastor of the Presbyterian Church, Marks, Mississippi

DOCTOR OF LAWS

Walter P. Armstrong, Memphis, Tennessee

David H. Edington, Mobile, Alabama


Upon motion by Dr. Boggs, the above report was unanimously adopted.

Dr. Land offered the following resolution:

That we earnestly importune the members from the various Synods and Synodical Committees to make strenuous efforts to raise the \$10,000 annual support fund from each of the four Synods, stressing the great need of Southwestern at this particular time for this support.

This resolution was duly seconded and unanimously adopted.

The meeting adjourned at 12:30, with prayer by Dr. Lang.


Secretary