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MINUTES OF A CALLED MEETING
of the
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
of
SOUTHWESTERN
Held March 29, 1927

A called meeting of the Board of Directors of Southwestern was held March 29th, 1927 in the Board of Directors' Room, Palmer Hall, at 9:30 a.m.

The meeting was opened with a season of prayer.

A roll call showed the following members were present:
President Chas. E. Diehl, ex officio.

ALABAMA:

Jerome T. Fuller
A.B. Curry
J.V. Arnold

MISSISSIPPI:

J.D. Durcan
Geo. G. Tayloe
Fred R. Graves
G.L. Tucker

LOUISIANA:

D.K. Brown
E.B. McMaster
Wm. McF. Alexander
D.M. Pipes

TENNESSEE:

Jas. I. Vance
S.M. Nickey
Moore Moore
B.A. Patch

Excuse from Dr. D.H. Ogden was presented and accepted.

The following members of the Executive Committee of the Synod of Alabama were present by invitation of the Executive Committee of the Southwestern Board, and were invited to participate in the meeting:

W.R. Dobyns
C.M. Boyd
E.G. Gammon

D.W. Hollingsworth
H.M. Moffett
W.S. Patterson

The privileges of the floor were also extended to Dr. W.S. Lacy, Executive Secretary of Southwestern, and Mr. Edwin Quarles, who was present at the invitation of the Executive Committee of the Southwestern Board.

The reading of the minutes of the last meeting of the Board of Directors was dispensed with. The minutes of a meeting of the Executive Committee held March 28th, 1927 were read and approved, as were all the minutes of the other meetings of the Executive Committee held since the last meeting of the Board, the readings of which was dispensed with on motion, inasmuch as all members had had copies of same furnished them previously.

Dr. Curry was called to the Chair at this time. He made a statement of the situation on behalf of the Executive Committee and recited the conditions which led to the call of this meeting.

The Treasurer was called upon and made a report, giving a statement of the income of the College up to September 1, 1927, and also

the needs of the institution to that time.

Mr. LeMaster, in supplementing Dr. Curry's statements, took occasion also to make a report on the Clarksville property, showing an option that had been given by him on the authority of the Executive Committee to a committee of the Chamber of Commerce of Clarksville to run for ninety days, being dated March 15th, 1927. This option called for a price of \$25,000 and the assumption of the Clarksville debt. Mr. Patch, who had served with Mr. LeMaster in the meeting with the Clarksville committee, supplemented this report and advised its approval. Upon motion, duly seconded, this option was approved by the Board and authority and direction given the officers of the Board to carry out the transaction and execute the necessary papers in case the option should be exercised.

Mr. Tayloe followed the above report with a vigorous presentation of his views on the present situation, and was followed by President Diehl and other members of the Executive Committee. After a general discussion, engaged in by different members of the Board, it was moved and carried that a special committee be appointed to bring in recommendations to the Board as to plans for college finances. The Chairman appointed Messrs. Vance, Alexander, Tayloe, Fuller and Diehl on this committee.

At 12:30 p.m. the Board recessed for lunch, which was served in the College Dining Hall, to re-assemble when the committee was ready to report.

At 3 p.m. the Board was again called to order and the special committee recommended to the Board that the campaign be put on and that plans for carrying out same be worked out immediately. The adoption of this report was moved by Judge Fuller, seconded by Mr. Pipes, and carried unanimously after a general discussion by the Board.

At 4:15 recess was had to give time for a joint meeting of the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors with the Executive Committee of the Synod of Alabama.

At 5:40 the Board meeting was again in session and the following minutes of the Executive Committee meeting were read:

"A joint meeting of the Executive Committee of Southwestern with the Executive Committee of the Synod of Alabama was held at 4:15 p.m. in the Directors' Room, Palmer Hall, March 29th, 1927.

"Those present being: Chairman LeMaster, Messrs Diehl, Curry, Vance, Tayloe, Nickey, Patch and Moore, and the following members of the Executive Committee of the Synod of Alabama: Messrs. W.R. Dobyms, C.M. Boyd, E.G. Gammon, D.W. Hollingsworth, H.M. Moffett and W.S. Patterson.

"A free discussion of different methods of campaign was had, participated in by everyone present, and, while no definite plan was agreed upon, it was felt that both committees were pretty well agreed on the vital points at issue. It was decided that the Executive Committee of the Board should proceed to formulate definite plans for the campaign and submit same to the Executive Committee of the

Synod of Alabama. The Executive Committee of the Synod of Alabama will meet promptly and approve them, or, if they are unable to approve them, will call a special meeting of the Synod of Alabama to consider them.


"The meeting adjourned.

"Moore Moore,
"Secretary".

This action of the Executive Committee was unanimously approved by the Board and the Committee directed to proceed as agreed upon in Alabama, and to push the campaign in the other Synods as already approved at a former meeting.

President Diehl reminded the Board that the name of Mr. William C. Fitts, of New York, for the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws, had been submitted to the members by mail and approved by them. Upon motion, this approval was confirmed by the Board in session.

The meeting adjourned, with prayer by Dr. Alexander.


Secretary.