MINUTES OF THE 2015 ANNUAL MEETING  
HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
THURSDAY, JULY 23, 2015  
GARRETT-EVANGELICAL THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY  
EVANSTON, ILLINOIS

The meeting was opened at 10:35 a.m., by President Priscilla Pope-Levison. The officers were introduced and thanks were given to Dan Swinson for this convocation.

Minutes
The secretary moved that the minutes of the 2014 Annual Meeting of the Historical Society of the UMC held at Wofford College in Spartanburg, South Carolina, be accepted as printed in the April, 2015, issue of Methodist History. The minutes were approved.

Treasurers Report/ Purposed Budget
Kerri Shoemaker passed out copies of the Treasurer’s Report and the proposed budget for 2015-2016 (see pages 160-161). Kerri will include a statement about the Godbold account in future Treasurer’s reports. Joyce Plyler asked about a collection for the Greenstone Methodist men for their donation of the dinner. The Northern Illinois conference treasurer is handling the finances for this meeting and if there is anything left over it should go to Kerri. Dan Swinson asked if the excess could be sent to Greenstone and speakers that weren’t paid. The group has the discretion to spend the money as they see fit. This is a conversation for next year. A roster of attendees is expected.

Proposed Budget
After discussion of the Budget, it was accepted.

Membership Report
Marge Benham, our membership secretary, was not in attendance. Priscilla sent out a letter to academic people she knows and got some responses, which increased our membership. Dan recommended that we have a benefactor category for members. We got some student members for 10 dollars a year.
Upcoming Meetings

2016: Phil Lawton talked about this event. The HSUMC will meet with the Northeast Jurisdiction in Dover, Delaware, at the Dover Down’s Hotel. Phil is working on this. Whatcoat United Methodist Church will be the main meeting place. They are looking at the dates of May 23-26, 2016—the week after general conference. Fred Day will give a report on the first day about General Conference.

2017: The HSUMC will meet in Alaska with the Western Jurisdiction. Larry Hayden is working on this. There will be lots of opportunity for extra activities. Larry and Dan Swinson will consider a tentative schedule. It was noted that things will be expensive. The gathering will take place June 26-29, 2017.

2018: We will be meeting in Missouri with the South Central Jurisdiction. They are looking at meeting in July, someplace around St. Louis. John Gooch is planning this gathering.

Saddlebag Committee

Linda Schramm will chair this committee with Bettie Lusk, Jane Donovan and Chuck Yrigoyen. The recipient for next year will be announced at a later date in either the Historian’s Digest or Methodist History.

The question was asked if anyone keeps track of the dissertations in Methodist History. Is it something that we should be keeping track of?

There were 6 entries for the 2014 Saddlebag selection competition including the following:


Smith, Tash, Capture These Indians for the Lord: Indians, Methodists, and Oklahomans, 1844-1939 (Tucson: University of Arizona Press, 2014).

Methodist History


The recipient this year was *Capture These Indians for the Lord: Indians, Methodists, and Oklahomans, 1844-1939* by Tash Smith.

**Closing**

Priscilla gave a benediction and the meeting was closed at 11:40 p.m. Chris Shoemaker passed a hat for funds for the Greenstone men as we sang “Amazing Grace.”

**HSUMC Treasurer’s Report, June 30, 2015**

Beginning Balance (June 22, 2015): $11,079.44
($3,000 Albea Godbold Fund—a fund into which members may make donations for the support of HSUMC).

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Ending Balance (June 30, 2015): $10,561.31   ($3,050 Albea Godbold Fund)

Difference between income and expenses:  -$518.13

Notes: There is no reserve fund; figure represents funds needed to fully meet budgeted expenses. *Methodist History* includes July and October, 2014, and January and April, 2015, editions; *Historian’s Digest* includes Spring, Summer and Fall, 2014, and Winter, 2015, editions.
**HSUMC Proposed Budget for 2015-2016**

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(Isaiah 51:1, NRSV)

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