

**MINUTES OF THE 2010 ANNUAL MEETING
HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
JULY 20, 2010
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As a form of gathering us together President Dan Swinson had us line a tune and we sang “Amazing Grace.” He then officially opened the meeting at 11:07 am and welcomed those in attendance. He introduced the other Board members who were present: Jim Morris, Vice-President and Chair of the Program Committee; Barbara Essen, Secretary; Chuck Yrigoyen, Treasurer; Rob Sledge and Linda Schramm, members of the program Committee; Bob Williams, General Secretary of the General Commission on Archives and History, *ex officio* board member with vote; Marge Benham, liaison from GCAH.

Secretary’s Report

Minutes of the 2009 Annual Meeting have been published in the October 2009 *Methodist History*. The minutes stand approved as printed.

Treasurer’s Report

The Treasurer’s report was distributed, showing a beginning balance of \$6,702.10. We had income of \$5,609.50 and expenditures of \$9,590.34. Due to cash flow concerns we cashed in our last CD in the amount of \$14,700.86. Our ending balance on June 30, 2010 was \$17,422.12. After discussion Jim Morris moved and Pat Thompson seconded a motion to accept the treasurer’s report. The motion passed.

Proposed Budget

Chuck Yrigoyen presented the budget for the calendar year 2011, and after discussion about the decline in membership, Rob Sledge moved and Pat Thompson seconded that we accept the Budget of \$12,100.00. The Budget was adopted.

It was noted that the books have not yet been audited, but will be soon by Janice Sherick and Milton Loyer.

Chuck Yrigoyen was thanked by the executive committee for his work as treasurer.

Bequest to the HSUMC

Last year Jim Morris reported that he had just received word that John

Witmer’s will included \$2000 to the Historical Society of the United Methodist Church. It has now been determined that the amount will more likely be closer to \$7000 when everything is settled. Rob Sledge brought up the question of whether we should look at the possibility of setting up some kind of an endowment fund with this money, where only the interest is used. We will discuss this later.

Upcoming Annual Meeting Report

2011: Bob Williams reported on plans for this meeting, to be held in conjunction with the quadrennial historical convocation at Oklahoma City. The dates are July 21-24, Thursday to Sunday, preceded by a meeting of the General Commission. The venue will be at Oklahoma City University, with accommodations at a campus dormitory. The program will include sessions on Native American and Latino Methodist history. We will be welcomed by the Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference as well as the Oklahoma Annual Conference.

2012: We have been invited by the North East Jurisdiction to Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, May 14-17. The HSUMC will meet in conjunction with the North East Jurisdictional Commission on Archives and History. Pat Thompson gave a short report since Milt Loyer was delayed and will arrive later. The question was asked, what is coming out of this that can be published? For the feeding and care of our members we need to have something to draw them in, especially for the archivist’s. We need workshops and skill training that will keep the interest of the different people attending.

After lunch Milt Loyer reported that the theme of this meeting includes programs on each of the three churches, Methodist Episcopal, United Brethren, and Evangelical. There will also be a speaker on the Spirituality of Abraham Lincoln, and the singing of Civil War songs. We need a clarification of what should happen for the presentations of the HSUMC. There was some discussion about the order of the program. Pat Thompson, Milt Loyer and Jim Morris will get together to work on this.

2013: No invitation has been received for the year 2013. After a lengthy discussion including the possibility of only meeting every other year and skipping 2013, we decided at this point that the Southeastern Jurisdiction will host if no one else comes forward.

2014: The society has received an invitation from Dick Wang to meet in Chicago in the North Central Jurisdiction the first full week after July 4th.

Membership Report

Phil Lawton, Membership Secretary, who was unable to attend, sent the following report:

Total Membership

June, 2010	June, 2009	June, 2008
241	263	264

Current Membership Categories:

Individual	161 (13 without Methodist History subscription)
Family	18
Joint	45 (3 without Methodist History subscription)
Institutional	16
Student	1

Membership Changes

	2010 (6 months)	2009	2008
Renewals	73	137	120
New Memberships	15	25	49
Non renewals	20	42	

Ministry of Memory Award

Received a report for 2010. Jim Morris and the program committee presented the name of John Gooch to receive the Ministry and Memory award for 2011. The board voted to except that recommendation. The recommendation was placed before us by Jim Morris and was approved.

Saddlebag Selections Award

Rob Sledge reported that there were five books reviewed this year, one local church history, one conference history, one historical geography of the Methodist movement, one collection of essays, and a book on Asbury. The book on Asbury by John Wigger was selected to receive the award.

Rob discussed the fact that many young people working on papers and research can't afford to attend our meetings. He wondered if we could have a paper of distinction to engage more people. How do we make connection with Methodist history teachers who have promising students? Sometime in the fall Bob Williams will try and have a list for Rob of teachers from approved universities.

Historians Digest

We reaffirmed Pat Thompson as the Editor of the *Historians Digest*. There is a need to clarify our no-for-profit status. As a way to improve our research, we are looking for 750 to 1000 word articles for the digest. Our next deadline is Aug. 1st. It will be published 4 times this year

Five Year Plan

After much discussion, including the Witmer bequest, a call for papers of distinction, membership trends and program, Jim Morris made a motion that a group be appointed to work on the Witmer bequest, ongoing budget requests and a tentative five year plan to present a substantive report at our next annual meeting. The motion passed. It was noted that we need to be realistic about what we can afford.

President Dan Swinson, along with Pat Thompson, Linda Schramm, Jim

Morris and Rob Sledge were appointed to develop a five year plan for money, membership, program and development and make a recommendation at our next meeting.

Web Page/Master

After discussions with Dale Patterson from the General Commission on Archives and History, it was decided that we would try and work our web page under the umbrella of the General Commission with a page that would be updated in the manner of the GCAH web page. We would shut down our website and fold it into the GCAH website.

New Business

Milton Loyer made us aware of the following; the change of names of conferences by more and more Conference mergers. He felt that the names should be recognizable to the outside area. They should tell where the conferences are.

Adjournment: President Dan Swinson adjourned the meeting at 2:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Essen, Secretary

Presentations made at the meeting:

- Speaker's theater featuring William Roberts and James and Lucretia Wilbur
- Margaret (Peg) McCormack talking about the book "Methodist Experience in America: An Introduction" A Source Book
- "African American Women Evangelists and Interracial Cooperation in the Progressive Era," by Dr. Priscilla Pope Levinson
- "Julia Foote: An AMEZ (African Methodist Episcopal Zion) Evangelist," by Dr. Douglas Strong
- Debbie Dimitri sharing the life of "Catherine Blain"
- Barbara Essen sharing the life of "Chloe Clarke Willison"
- "Creating a Museum Display," by Dale Patterson, GCAH Archivist.

Tour Day including:

- worship with retired Bishop Jack Tuell and lunch at Des Moines UMC;
- a visit to the University of Puget Sound, with a discussion about it's founder Dr. David LeSourd;
- a visit to Steilacoom, remembering the first pastor, John DeVore;
- viewing the new statute of Chloe Clarke Willison;
- a visit to the Nisqually Fort and Mission.
- a scenic ferry ride and Indian Salmon Dinner with Native dancing.



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The catalogue contains details of over a thousand individual collections documenting the growth and development of Methodism, one of the world's largest Protestant denominations, and includes material from the 17th century to the present. The archive includes papers of the Methodist founder John Wesley (1703-1791) and his brother the hymn writer Charles Wesley (1707-1788). The catalogue, which is searchable by name, place and subject, covers the majority of archives and manuscripts in the collection and will be regularly updated with new additions.

The Methodist collection deposited at the library is regarded as one of the world's finest resources for the study of evangelical religion and the opportunity to access the collection online has excited considerable interest among scholars and theologians. Professor Steven Gunter, Associate Dean and Research Professor at Duke Divinity School, described the catalogue as a "GREAT service to all of us who have a vital interest in the tradition." John Lenton, Methodist scholar and former convenor of the British Methodist Church Archive and History Committee, described this development as a major advance "opening up the riches of the Methodist Archives."

The Methodist Archives Collection catalogue can be found in the JRUL website Methodist collection pages at:

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