

**MINUTES OF THE 2012 ANNUAL MEETING
HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
MONDAY, MAY 14, 2012
GETTYSBURG UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
GETTYSBURG, PENNSYLVANIA**

Dan Swinson got the body's attention at 6 p.m. by singing a song using a Willoughby tune and words by Charles Wesley from the 1856 *Methodist Hymnal*. He then welcomed everyone and offered appreciation for our hosts.

The Ministry of Memory Award

Grady Winegar from the Holston Conference gave an introduction to the Ministry of Memory Award winner, Ray L. Howard, who received the award with appropriate remarks related to his faithful service in the Holston Conference.

The Saddlebag Award

Rob Sledge reviewed the history of the award and talked briefly about the seven nominations submitted for this year's Saddlebag Award. This year's recipient is Jennifer Woodruff Tait for her book, *The Poison Chalice: Eucharistic Grape Juice and Common-Sense Realism in Victorian Methodism*, published by the University of Alabama Press. Rob presented the award to her on Skype, because she could not be present. She led a brief discussion on the book regarding Methodism and grape juice and answered several questions. The other 2012 Saddlebag Selection Nominees were:

Auslander, Mark. *The Accidental Slaveholder: Revisiting A Myth of Race and Finding an American Family* (University of Georgia Press).

Carney, Charity R. *Ministers and Masters: Methodism, Manhood, and Honor in the Old South* (Louisiana State University Press).

Chilcote, Paul W. *John and Charles Wesley: Selections from Their Writings and Hymns* (Sky Light Paths Publishers).

Gill, Jill K. *Embattled Ecumenism: The National Council of Churches, the Vietnam War, and the Trials of the Protestant Left* (Northern Illinois Press).

O'Malley, J. Steven and Jason E. Vickers, ed. *Methodist and Pietist: Retrieving the Evangelical United Brethren Tradition* (Abingdon Press).

Rack, Henry D. ed. *The Methodist Societies: The Minutes of Conference, The Works of John Wesley, Vol. X* (Abingdon Press).

Business Meeting

Dan introduced the Treasurer's Report which was sent to us by Chuck Yrigoyen. There is a balance on hand of \$14,289.25 as of May 15, 2012.

Expenditures are declining, but within two or three years the Society could face having inadequate funds to operate.

The proposed budget was then shared with the group. A motion was made that we delay a vote on the proposed budget until after we have had more discussion upon how we will address the issue of the decline in finances.

Dan Swinson noted that the General Secretary's report was the same as what he had reported during his earlier presentation. The proposed restructuring of the general agencies was declared to be in violation of the church's Constitution by the Judicial Council so there is no change to the structure of the General Commission on Archives and History.

Future Meetings

2013: We will be meeting in conjunction with the General Commission on Archives and History and the gathering of Annual Conference Chairs at Drew University in Madison, New Jersey. The meeting will take place Sept. 13-16, 2013, with the HSUMC meeting overlapping the end of the GCAH annual meeting and continuing until the 16th.

2014: We will be meeting with the Southeast Jurisdiction, possibly at Epworth by the Sea in Georgia. The SE Jurisdiction usually meets during the second week in July, but date and location are undetermined at this time. Chris Shoemaker is currently the contact person.

2015: North Central Jurisdiction and the next Historical Convocation will be held in the Chicago area, probably at Garrett-Evangelical Seminary in Evanston. The date has not yet been determined.

Ministry of Memory Award Announced for Next Year

Chris Shoemaker made the announcement that the Ministry of Memory award for 2013 will go to Lila Hill from the Oregon-Idaho Conference.

Financial Decline Discussion: What are we doing?

Dan talked about the *Historians Digest* now being on the web and how it has been received. It appears to be getting a large number of hits.

We have received an offer from the Iowa Conference Archives and History Commission of \$2,000 to support a more aggressive membership drive for the Society. The leadership of the Society will work with the Iowa Conference on this project.

Dan Swinson put in a plea for membership into the Historical Society.

The Budget was then put before the body and was accepted as presented. Copies of the budget and Treasurer's Report are included at the end of this report.

Nominating Committee

A nominating committee is named at the annual meeting following the General Conference to nominate persons for election as President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary for the new quadrennium. Chuck Yri-

goyen, Treasurer, has asked to be replaced and Jim Morris, Vice President, has served 8 years. Thelma Boeder and Rob Sledge agreed to serve on the nominating committee. A motion was made that Dan Swinson be allowed to find two other persons to serve on the nominating committee. The motion passed.

Jim Morris talked about Iowa's offer to have \$2,000 to be used to encourage membership in the Historical Society. This is money from the John Wittmer estate. The membership drive should be done within five to six months. He felt that it would strengthen the work of Archives and History within the Church.

Closing

Dan Swinson closed the meeting with singing "Amazing Grace" to a different tune. Dan then gave a benediction and the meeting was closed at 7:45pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Essen, Secretary

HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Treasurer's Report April 30, 2012

Balance – June 30, 2011	\$13,582.56		
	Budget	Actual	
Income:			
Dues	\$ 5,700.00	\$ 4,882.00*	
From Reserves	6,800.00	2,016.71	
Total Income	\$12,500.00	\$ 6,898.71	
Expenses:			
<i>Methodist History (quarterly)</i>	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 3,469.37**	
<i>Historian's Digest (quarterly)</i>	1,400.00	1,010.72**	
Awards	1,500.00	839.75	
Travel (Board of Directors)	4,000.00	1,152.85***	
Insurance	500.00	336.70	
Postage and Miscellaneous	100.00	89.32	
Total Expenses	\$12,500.00	\$ 6,898.71	
Balance – April 30, 2012	\$13,565.85		

* Includes \$1,000 gift from Bea Shepperd for Albea Godbold Fund and \$100 Benefactor membership from Dan Swinson.

** Due to the earlier Annual Meeting, only three issues each of *Methodist History* and *Historian's Digest* have been included in these Expense figures.

***Members of Board of Directors accepted less than reimbursable travel expense or requested no reimbursement.

Charles Yrigoyen, Jr.,
Treasurer

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