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The Purpose of this Convention.

Realizing that there is a great need of the Holiness people being better organized in order to conserve the work in general, and again realizing a real necessity of putting our young converts in a church where they will be led into the experience of Holiness, I, therefore without any apology whatever, immediately give this assembly my purpose of calling this convention.

First, my main and sole object is the salvation of souls, the sanctification of believers, and to advance the much neglected doctrine of Divine Healing and our Lord's return.

Second, in order to see the first object fulfilled, we purpose to hold conventions, camp meetings and revival meetings as the Lord may open the way.

Third, we also purpose to look after our converts as much as lays in our power, and do all we can to save them from being thrown into a cold, formal church, where they soon grow cold and indifferent and wander away from God.

Fourth, in order to see these three things brought to pass I offer the following resolution: That we proceed to organize an auxiliary to the International Apostolic Holiness Church, which will be known as the Apostolic Holiness Church of Penna., our articles of faith and purpose of organization to be found in the manual of the I. A. H. Church. Further that we proceed to appoint a committee to draft articles of incorporation, that we may enjoy all the rights and protection of the laws of the state of Penna., which are granted to such corporations, in holding real estate and transacting any business which may be beneficial to our organization.

This committee to report at a later meeting of this assembly.

Always yours for Bible Holiness,
GEO. S. OWEN.

OFFICERS

Officers of The Apostolic Holiness Church of Penna. for the year ending March, 1915

Sup't Rev. Geo. S. Owen.....Milton, Pa.
 Ass't Supt., Rev. H. A. Sanehotz.....Bethlehem, Pa.
 Secretary, Rev. Carrie A. Yoder.....Hegins, Pa.
 Treasurer, Rev. Joseph Stokes.....Bloomsburg, Pa.

Advisory Board

Rev. Joseph B. Deihl.....Corydon, Pa.
 Mr. John Leigh.....Bethlehem, Pa.
 Mr. C. C. Rose.....McKeesport, Pa.

Board of Trustees

Rev. Geo. S. Owen.....Milton, Pa.
 Rev. Joseph Stokes.....Bloomsburg, Pa.
 Rev. Wesley Neff.....McKeesport, Pa.
 Mr. John Wagner.....Milton, Pa.
 Mr. C. C. Rose.....McKeesport, Pa.

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First session, Saturday afternoon March 7, 1914.

After singing and prayer Rev. Geo. S. Owen announced the first business in order, was the election of a chairman and secretary pro tem.

Revs. J. B. Deihl and Geo. S. Owen were nominated for chairman; the election resulted in Rev. Owen being elected.

Miss Carrie Yoder and Miss Ora M. Cox were nominated for secretary; the election resulted in Miss Yoder being elected.

After considerable discussion, it was moved and seconded, that the present camp meeting at Milton, be submerged into a state camp meeting, to be under the control of the annual convention of the Apostolic Holiness Church of Penna. Carried.

After the purpose of the convention was read by Rev. Owen, it was moved and seconded, that we take steps to incorporate under the Laws of the State of Penna. Carried.

It was moved and unanimously carried that we appoint a committee to draft articles of incorporation, and report at a later meeting of this assembly.

It was moved, seconded and carried that the chair appoint all committees.

It was moved and seconded that we adjourn until Monday morning at 9:30. Carried.

CARRIE A. YODER, Sec'y.

Second business session, Monday morning March 9, was opened by sining and prayer.

Minutes of last session was read and approved.

It was moved and seconded, that the first four rows of seats to the east side of the church, be reserved as the conference bar. Carried.

- The following committees were appointed by the chair:
Committee of incorporation,

Rev. Joseph B. Deihl
" Carrie A. Yoder
" Wesley Neff
" Joseph Stokes
" Geo. S. Owen.

This committee to report Tuesday morning.

It was moved and seconded, that the officers be nominated by a committee to be appointed by the chair. Carried.

The following committee was appointed:

Rev. Ora M. Cox
" H. A. Saneholtz
Mrs. John Wagner.

This committee to report Wednesday morning.

The meeting was then thrown open for questions and discussions of various important matters.

Moved, seconded and carried that we adjourn to meet Tuesday morning at 9:30.

CARRIE A. YODER, Sec'y.

The third business session opened Tues. morning at 9:30 with Supt. in Chair.

After singing and prayer the delegates and preachers enrolled.

Minutes of the previous session read and approved.

The committee on incorporation gave their report, and after much discussion, a minor change was made in the articles, it was moved and seconded that the articles be accepted as corrected. Carried.

A motion was made and carried, that the committee on incorporation be a standing committee, to transact all business concerning the incorporation.

It was then discussed about a board of trustees the number to be five.

A motion was made and carried that two members of the board of trustees be ordained preachers, and the other three to be chosen from the lay members.

It was moved and seconded that the chair appoint tellers. Carried.

Mr. Howard Wolf and wife were appointed tellers.

The nominating committee then reported the following names from among the laymen to be voted for:

John Wagner
C. C. Rose
Joseph Stokes
Clement Gardner
C. A. Forrey

It was moved and carried that three out of the five receiving the majority votes cast would be declared elected.

After counting the votes the following were found to be elected to the office of trustee: John Wagner, C. C. Rose, and Joseph Stokes.

The nominating committee then reported the following names from among the preachers as nominees, the two out of three receiving the majority votes of the convention to be declared elected:

Geo. S. Owen
H. A. Saneholtz
Wesley Neff

Revs. Owen and Neff were elected receiving the majority of votes.

After considerable discussion it was moved and seconded that we elect a local camp meeting committee, to work under the direction of the State council in preparing for the state camp meeting at Milton. Carried.

An adjournment of ten minutes was given the nominating committee to report their nominees.

It was moved and carried that this local committee be composed of five men and four women.

After the report of the committee on nomination the following were elected: Brothers, McFalls, Wagner, Cassler, Forrey and Moyer; Sisters, Hattie Chappel, Wolfe, Wagner and Frank.

The Chair appointed the following committee on Finance as follows: Rev. H. A. Saneholtz, C. C. Rose and Joseph Stokes.

It was moved and seconded that we adjourn until Wednesday morning at 9:30. Carried.

CARRIE A. YODER, Sec'y

The fourth business session opened Wednesday morning March 11, 1914, at 9:30, with singing and prayer.

The minutes of the last meeting were then read and approved.

The committee on incorporation then gave a further report, and after much discussion in regard to the matter, they were ordered to proceed and have the Apostolic Holiness Church of Penna. incorporated.

They reported that the expense would reach about thirty dollars. A motion was then offered and carried, that we take steps to raise thirty-five dollars to cover this expense, and if any would be left it was to go to the state fund.

An adjournment of ten minutes was given the nominating committee in which to prepare their report, concerning the election of state officers for the coming year.

The meeting called to order by the Chair.

It was moved and carried that the chair appoint tellers.

Mrs. Minnie Cassler was appointed teller.

The committee nominated Bros. Owen and Saneholtz for State Supt. Bro. Owen was unanimously elected.

Bros. Saneholtz and Neff were nominated for Asst. Supt., Bro. Saneholtz was elected.

Misses Carrie Yoder and Nettie Gordon were nominated for secretary. Sister Yoder being elected.

Brothers Forrey and Stokes were nominated for treasurer. Bro. Stokes was elected.

There were four names nominated for the advisory board, each member of the assembly being instructed to vote for three out of four, and it resulted in the election of the following: Rev. Deihl, Bro. Leigh and Bro. C. C. Rose.

It was moved, seconded and carried, that the number of the examining board be three.

It was moved and carried, that the one receiving the highest number of votes be elected for a term of three years, the next for two years and the next for one year.

The nominees were as follows: Revs. Owen, Deihl, Saneholtz and Yoder.

The election resulted as follows: Bro. Owen elected for three years, Rev. Saneholtz for two years and Sister Yoder for a term of one year.

It was moved and carried that we adjourn to meet Thurs. morning at 9:30.

CARRIE A. YODER, Sec'y.

Fifth business session opened Thursday morning at 9:30 with singing and prayer.

Roll call.

Minutes of the last meeting read and approved.

Chairman of the incorporation committee reported, that the committee was to meet at the attorney's office Friday morning at nine o'clock, to sign the final papers for our charter.

It was moved and seconded that we have printed the minutes of this convention. Carried.

By motion of the state council, it was left to the assembly as to whether the Bethel Herald should be published perpetual or not. By request, Bro. Owen, the editor, gave a brief report of the Herald as to its origin, support and its success.

It was moved and carried, after a brief discussion that the Bethel Herald be published by the Apostolic Holiness Church of Penna., and Bro. Owen be a committee of one to draft rules to govern the paper and present them to the assembly for its approval.

Moved and seconded, that Friday night an offering in cash and pledges be taken, for Benefit of the Herald. Carried.

A motion was made and carried that we have a state Missionary Board of three, whose duty it would be to further the Missionary cause.

Moved and seconded that we adjourn to meet at two-thirty. Carried.

CARRIE A. YODER, Sec'y.

The sixth business session opened Thurs. afternoon at two-thirty with singing and prayer.

Roll call.

Minutes of last session read and approved.

The board of examination reported as follows: After careful and prayerful examination, meeting all requirements of the manual, we do hereby recommend the following persons for License: Bros. Wesley Neff, McKeesport, Pa.; Joseph Stokes, Bloomsburg, Pa.; Joe L. Gardner, Howard, Penna., and Russell Gardner, Howard, Penna.

Moved and seconded that we accept the report of the examining board, and that we vote on this by acclamation. Carried.

The committee on the Bethel Herald reported as follows:

1. The Bethel Herald shall be in the hands of a board of five directors, who shall be elected each year as other state officers.
2. This board of directors shall act in all matters pertaining to the publishing of the Bethel Herald, and shall report annually to the state convention.
3. The board of directors shall elect one from among their number who shall act as editor of the paper.

It was moved and seconded that the above report be accepted as given. Carried.

Adjournment of ten minutes was taken for the nomination committee to prepare their report.

By motion, the chairman appointed tellers for election.

Brothers Rose, Saneholtz, Owen and Sister Yoder were nominated for the Missionary board, the three brethren receiving the election.

Bros. Owen, McFalls, Forrey, Rose and Sister Yoder were elected as Directors of the Bethel Herald.

Next was a report from the delegates.

Rev. H. A. Saneholtz, pastor of the church at Bethlehem, Pa., reported a membership of about twenty, all who are good reliable people. We can count on them as pure gold. I came there last fall, and since that time there have been some saved and sanctified. We have taken up a course of Bible study which is very interesting and helpful. We have a Sunday School with an enrollment of about forty. Very good interest is manifested in the school. The offerings the first Sunday in each month is for missions. Since fall we have sent \$15.00 for Africa and \$5.00 for Dr. Watson's trip to Japan. We do not own our church property. The church is in better condition than when I came there.

Above report accepted.

Mrs. J. L. Gardner, delegate from Howard.

I am glad to represent the infant church at Howard. We were organized Sept. 21, 1913. It is awake, alive, fighting the battles and winning victories. Membership thirteen with four prospective ones. Sunday School with enrollment thirty and an average attendance of twenty-two. Revival meeting Dec. 17 to Jan. 7, resulted in three conversions, one reclaimed and one sanctified. Church has called Russel Gardner as pastor. We are at present worshipping in a dwelling house but expect to build a church this summer.

Above report accepted.

Rev. Joseph B. Deihl, pastor at Corydon, Tumesessa and Galetton. The work is going on having a hard fight but have a few real saints who are holding on to God. Have no church property, are worshipping in a dwelling house. Membership nine. Fourteen members at Tumesessa. Have a Sunday School, the work is encouraging and we are believing God.

Report accepted.

Rev. Wesley Neff, McKeesport, Pa.

No church organized but a number of good families in full sympathy with the Apostolic Holiness Church. Expect to become organized. Have a Gospel tent and expect to hold meetings this summer, we are greatly encouraged.

Report accepted.

Sister John Wagner, Milton, Pa.

Praise the Lord for what he is doing for us. We were praying for nine years for the Lord to send us a shepherd and he brought it to pass. Our membership in the last twenty months has grown from eleven to fifty. We own our own church property.

Above report accepted.

Sister Sadie Frank, Milton, Pa.

Praise the Lord for victory. How glad we use to be when God would send one of his ministers this way to preach for us, but God heard our prayers and sent us a pastor and since then we have prospered in every way. Especially I am delighted with the Sunday School which has an enrollment of about 120 with an average attendance of 84. We have been having revival meetings in the Sunday School and a number of the children have been saved.

Rev. Owen pastor, at Milton.

Since coming to Milton 20 months ago God has blessed us in a remarkable manner. The class has grown to the number of fifty and we have about 12 prospective members. We have cut our indebtedness down to \$750.00 from \$1500.00 be-

sides raised money for Pastor and incidental expenses of the church, and money raised in the Camp Meeting last year. The Camp Meeting has now been turned over to the State work.

These reports accepted.

Sister Yoder.

For the last three years the Lord has put the burden on my heart for the state of Penna. and I have felt that most of my work should be in my home state. I worked in tent meetings all last summer, saw a number of people saved and sanctified. Organized one Holiness church. This convention has been on my heart for two years and praise the Lord, he has brought it to pass. I am greatly encouraged and am ready to help fight the battles for Jesus' sake. Report accepted.

On motion we adjourn until Friday morning.

CARRIE A. YODER, Sec'y.

Lewisburg is the birthplace of Holiness movement of Central Penna. The first local union was organized at the home of Bro. Cassler in the year of 1902, with a membership of thirteen. God was leading. Cottage meetings were held, also several bush meeting with great victory. Later several of the Brethren of the Lewisburg class came to Milton and organized a local union, and in 1904 the first campmeeting was organized and held with good results, this camp was carried on each year for five successive years, from this time on the class of Milton united with us. The camp meeting and work of each class was held before the throne by faith and prayer, although it cost many tears and hard trials, but realizing that God's promises never fail we held steady until the work has come up to this convention.

Mrs. Bertha Moyer.

The seventh business meeting Friday, morning at nine-thirty, opened by singing and prayer.

Roll call.

Minutes of last session read and approved.

The committee on incorporation reported that the articles were signed by the committee, and we will receive our charter after April, 6. Report was unanimously accepted.

The chair appointed the following committee on resolution: Rev. Wesley Neff, Sisters J. L. Gardner, Ora M. Cox.

THE REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

1. We the committee on finances recommend that each local church, take a free will offering once every three months, and send the same to the state treasurer to meet the expenses of the state council.

2. We also recommend, that when sufficient money reaches the state fund, that a mileage be bought to be used in traveling when one is on business for the Apostolic Holiness Church of Penna.

3. We recommend that the deficiency in the camp meeting fund, be raised by free will offerings in the next camp meeting and that every one make it a subject of prayer that it will be laid upon the hearts of the people.

It was moved and seconded, that the report be accepted and appear in the minutes.

It was moved and seconded that Sister Yoder be elected associate editor of the Bethel Herald.

The chair appointed Sister Carrie Yoder, Rev. Saueholtz, with the chairman as a committee on minutes.

Moved and carried that we adjourn to meet Sat. morning at nine-thirty

CARRIE A. YODER, Sec'y.

The eighth session opened Sat. morning at nine-thirty with singing and prayer.

Roll Call.

Minutes of last session read and approved.

The treasurer's report was then given, which appears on page 16 of the minutes. The report was accepted as given.

Next was a report of resolution committee.

1. Resolve, that this assembly send a letter of greetings to Rev. Geo. B. Kulp, our general Supt., assuring him of our prayers and co-operation, in the cause of Christ and the up-building of His Kingdom.

And be it further resolved, that we wish to express our hearty endorsement of the revision of the manual, and the work done at the last general assembly.

2. Resolve, that this convention send a letter of greeting to Rev. W. R. Cox, expressing our appreciation and interest in the Apostolic Holiness University of Greensboro, N. C., assuring him of our prayers and co-operation in the excellent work accomplished in both the school and rescue work. And be it further resolved, that we express our appreciation of the Apostolic Messenger as our official organ of the A. H. Church and will use our influence to enlarge its circulation.

3. Resolve, that we express our appreciation of the benefit derived from this convention, and extend our thanks to the workers who have been labouring among us.

4. Resolve, that a report of this convention be sent to God's Revivalist office and the Apostolic Messenger and to the Bethel Herald.

It was moved and seconded that the above resolutions be accepted and placed on the minutes. Carried

REPORT OF THE MISSIONARY BOARD

1. We recommend that each local Sunday School, set apart the offering of one Sunday in each month for missionary work.

2. We recommend, that each local church shall have a committee of three, whose duty it shall be to look after the mite boxes, collecting the money once in a quarter, and sending it to the state missionary board.

3. We advise that each local church hold a missionary meeting once in each quarter.

The above recommendations were passed upon and made a part of the minutes.

After a real feast of testimony, in which each minister and delegate took part, expressing how they enjoyed the Christ Like Spirit which prevailed through the convention, we adjourned to meet next year.

CARRIE A. YODER, Sec'y.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Cash on hand Camp Meeting fund.....	\$31 50
Pledges which are due (unpaid).....	83 00
Total Assets	\$114 50
Note due for tents, cots, etc.....	\$350 00
Interest.....	24 00
To J. W. Loan.....	31 00
Total Indebtedness	\$405 00
Less Assets	114 50
Amount yet to be raised	\$290 50

CONVENTION REPORT

Amount of Offerings.....	\$45 13
Pledges due by Sept. 1,.....	57 00
Total amount raised	\$102 13
Expenses of Incorporation is about.....	\$30 00
Coal Bill.....	6 00
Stationery Printed.....	5 00
Total	\$41 00
Balance cash on hand	\$4 13

We will not be sure of the exact expense of incorporating before the final papers are signed April, 6.

In addition to the above the following amount was raised for	
The Bethel Herald, in cash and pledges	\$31 39
Rescue offering.....	9 00
	\$40 99
	102 13
Grand total raised	\$143 12

JOSEPH STOKES, Treas.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

COMMITTEE ON INCORPORATION

Revs. Joseph B. Deihl, Chairman, Carrie A. Yoder,
Geo. S. Owen, Messrs. Wesley Neff, Joseph Stokes.

LOCAL CAMP MEETING COMMITTEE.

Messrs. Elmer McFalls, John Wagner, C. C. Cassler,
Charles Forrey, John Moyer, Mesdames Hattie Chappell,
Howard Wolf, John Wagner, Sadie Frank.

COMMITTEE ON MINUTES

Revs. Geo. S. Owen, Carrie A. Yoder, H. A. Saneholtz.

EXAMINING BOARD.

Revs. Geo. S. Owen, 3 yrs; H. A. Saneholtz, 2 yrs;
Carrie A. Yoder, 1 yr.

STATE MISSIONARY BOARD.

Revs. Geo. S. Owen, H. A. Saneholtz, Sec'y, and Treas.,
Mr. C. C. Rose.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR THE BETHEL HERALD.

Editor, Rev. Geo. S. Owen, Associate Editor, Rev. Carrie
A. Yoder, Messrs. Elmer McFalls, Charles Forrey, C. C. Rose.

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GEO. S. OWEN, Milton, Pa.

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Milton, Pa., Aug. 7 to 16, 1914

This is the Eleventh Camp Meeting held in Central Pennsylvania; and the Apostolic Holiness Union of Central Pennsylvania having submerged into the Apostolic Holiness Church of Pennsylvania, this makes the first Camp Meeting of the new state organization.

**We Stand for a Four-Fold Gospel,
Regeneration, Sanctification, Divine
Healing, Our Lord's Return**

WORKERS

Rev. Geo. S. Owen of Milton, Pa., Rev. W. R. Cox of Greensboro, N. C., Rev. Carrie A. Yoder of Hegins, Pa., Rev. Ora M. Cox of Greensboro, N. C., and many other workers whom the Lord may send in.

Each Local Church should be well represented at this Camp as it is a State Camp Meeting.

For full particulars regarding Tents, Cots, Entertainment, Etc., write to

REV. GEO. S. OWEN, Supt.

Be sure to write concerning entertainment before
JULY 20, 1914