

THE SOCIETY FOR PENTECOSTAL STUDIES

Executive Committee Minutes
Des Moines, Iowa
November 4, 1971

The Executive Committee met in the Holiday Inn, South in Des Moines and was presided over by President William Menzies. Present were: Menzies, Gause, Synan and Wood.

The following motions were passed after due discussion:

1. That the change of officers in the Society be made at the annual banquet with appropriate ceremonies.
2. That at each triennial World Pentecostal Conference, an SPS meeting be held in which a member from each continent reports on the current status of Pentecostalism on that continent.
3. That the SPS is an autonomous organization of individual members without any organic connection with any other organization. However, for mutual benefit, concurrent sessions may be held in the future with the PFNA and the World Pentecostal Fellowship.
4. That a committee be appointed by the president to study the proposal of Anthony Palma concerning an honors program for religion students in Pentecostal schools. A report is to be made at the next meeting of the Society.
5. That the Secretary respond to the letters from the British Student's Pentecostal Fellowship with fraternal greetings, but with the understanding that no organic connection exists between the SPS and the SPF at this time.

Executive Committee Minutes
Des Moines, Iowa
November 6, 1971

The newly-elected Executive Committee met on November 6, 1971 at the Holiday Inn, South in Des Moines, and was presided over by President Hollis Gause. Present were: Gause, Spittler, Synan and Bryan.

1. At a breakfast meeting, much discussion took place concerning the proposed Journal of the Society, but no definite action was taken. It was generally agreed that the Secretary would gather information about costs and related problems concerning such a project and report his findings to the Committee at the next meeting. In the meantime, the Newsletter would continue to be the voice of the Society.

2. A motion was made and carried that the SPS provide a list of speakers for the PFNA convention in Toronto next year. Those to be listed will be William Menzies, Vinson Synan and Hollis Gause.

3. The offer of the newly-elected Treasurer, Don Bryan, to supply the Society with stationary similar to that used last year was accepted with appreciation.

Minutes
ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING
November 6, 1971

The Annual Business session of the Society for Pentecostal Studies convened at 10:00 a.m. in the Chapel of the Open Bible College in Des Moines, Iowa.

The meeting was called to order by the President, Hollis Gause.

The report of the Nominating Committee was read by the Chairman, William Menzies. The report was adopted as read. Officers for the year 1971-1972 were as follows:

President, Hollis Gause
President-elect, Russell Spittler
Secretary, Vinson Synan
Treasurer, Don Bryan
Past-President, William Menzies

The above-named officers constitute the Executive Committee. Personnel for the other committees were as follows:

Membership Committee

Don Bryan, Chairman. By motion, the executive committee consisting of Gause, Spittler, Synan, Bryan and Menzies serve on this committee along with R. O. Corvin to complete the total required.

Editorial Committee

Vinson Synan, Chairman
Don Bowdle
Zenas Bicket
Steve Durasoff
Stanley Horton

Program and Arrangements Committee

Russell Spittler, Chairman
Horace Ward, Jr.
Frank Tunstall

Nominating Committee (for the 1971 annual meeting)

William Menzies, Chairman

R. O. Corvin

Hollis Gause

Steve Durasoff

Edward Wood

The report of the projects committee was adopted as read. (See appendix).

The report of the Secretary, Vinson Synan, was given. His report was accepted with appreciation. (See appendix).

The report of the Treasurer, Edward Wood, was given. His report was accepted with appreciation. (See appendix).

The President-elect, Russell Spittler, reported concerning his projections for the program of the next annual meeting. He then collected titles of proposed papers to be read from all those present who were interested in reading one next year.

The resolutions committee reported. This report was adopted as read. (See appendix).

The proposed constitution for the SPS was read paragraph by paragraph by President Gause, and after much debate and discussion, was adopted as amended. (See appendix).

The decisions of the Executive Committee were approved as read.

The invitation tendered by Southwestern College of Oklahoma City to meet on their campus for the 1972 annual meeting, was accepted with appreciation.

The time of the next annual meeting was left to the descretion of the Program and Arrangements Committee.

The Annual Business Meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

Vinson Synan, Secretary



APPENDIX A

Report of the Secretary, Vinson Synan

During the year, I was responsible for sending out three Newsletters for the Society. The first one went to less than 200 people. The second one numbered 480 while the last one numbered 686. Of the last Newsletter, 228 went to individuals in the U.S., 58 to individuals in foreign countries, and 400 to 16 different Pentecostal colleges. At the time of this meeting, the number of U.S. individual names has risen to 330.

Also during the year, I have acquired for the Society a Rolodex file for addresses, an updated file of aluminum addressograph plates for the entire mailing list, and the privilege of using the Emmanuel College third class permit without charge to the Society.

Report of the Treasurer, Edward Wood

Enrollment

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| Regular Members | 137 | | |
| Associate Members | 25 | | |
| Student Members | 15 | Total Membership | 177 |

Income

Membership fees from Dec. 4, 1970 to Sept. 28, 1971

Total Income \$721.00

Expenditures

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| Dec. 11, 1970 - Marchada Photo Service | 21.00 |
| Dec. 11, 1970 - Midwest Pub. & Litho. | 86.80 |
| Jan. 1, 1971 - Lewis Photo (paper) | 8.50 |
| Jan. 16, 1971 - Rubber Stamp | 1.73 |
| Mar. 4, 1971 - Vinson Synan (<u>Newsletter</u>) | 35.26 |
| Mar. 16, 1971 - Check returned and charged | 5.00 |
| Apr. 22, 1971 - Eugene Bible College (postage) | 4.80 |
| July 8, 1971 - Vinson Synan (<u>Newsletter</u> and office supplies) | <u>86.16</u> |

Total Expenditures \$251.25

Balance \$469.75
(Oct. 1, 1971)

APPENDIX B

Resolutions Committee Report

In order to express the gratitude of the Society for Pentecostal Studies for the excellent hospitality shown the Society during its first annual meeting, hereby be it resolved that this body express its appreciation to President Groen and the Open Bible College by a standing vote of gratitude.

In recognition of the varied services and accomplishments that have been realized by the first President of the Society for Pentecostal Studies in leading this Society into a permanent and stable organization, be it resolved that this Society go on record expressing its deepest gratitude and appreciation to Dr. William Menzies for his dedicated and competent leadership.

Be it further resolved that we also express our appreciation to Edward Wood, the retiring treasurer of the Society for his dedicated leadership in the formative stages of the Society.

R. O. Corvin, Chairman

APPENDIX C

Report of the Special Projects Committee

We the special projects committee met on October 15, and October 22, 1971, via telephone conference calls, to discuss special projects in behalf of the Society for Pentecostal Studies. Horace Ward, Jr, Chairman, W. R. Corvin, and Russell Spittler took part in both meetings.

It was the view of the committee that a wide area of constructive projects should receive the future attention of this Society, and that we should give creative thought to:

1. A program to facilitate the exchange of literature among Pentecostal libraries, via microfilm or other means.
2. A program to co-ordinate foreign travel and foreign study for better understanding of pentecostalism in co-operation with learned pentecostals in such areas as Europe, South America, and the Middle East.
3. A program to encourage the development of a Pan-Pentecostal Seminary.
4. A program to encourage the translation of selected Pentecostal publications into English.
5. The establishment of an editorial board to publish a series of volumes, including a dictionary or encyclopedia of pentecostalism.

Further, the committee recommends the following resolution:

Whereas, there has arisen a substantial interest in pentecostalism among religious and academic circles, and

Whereas, this interest has contributed to a demand for authoritative literature on pentecostalism, and

Whereas, the available publications have not fully met the need for such scholarly literature, and

Whereas, members of this Society are peculiarly qualified to speak to the world of scholarship from a Pentecostal perspective,

Therefore, be it resolved:

1. That the Society for Pentecostal Studies be hereby authorized to initiate steps toward a volume of essays on pentecostalism by various authors, and
2. That the executive committee be authorized to determine the procedures for initiating, implementing, and supervising this project.

Respectfully submitted,
Horace Ward, Jr.
W. R. Corvin
Russell P. Spittler

APPENDIX D

Amendments to the Proposed SPS Constitution *

Section 3: Qualifications for membership

- a. All full members must subscribe to the Doctrinal Basis of the Society.

Section 4: Dismissal

In the event that continued membership of an individual be deemed detrimental to the best interests of the Society, his name may be dropped from the membership roll upon the recommendation of the majority of the membership committee made at the annual meeting of the Society, and approved by a two-thirds majority vote of the membership present and voting.

* Words that were added are underlined.