

Heart of Texas Mission Center Conference Meeting Minutes
November 1, 2008
Mineral Wells Congregation

Terry Shelton called the Heart of Texas Mission Center conference to order.

Those assembled sang "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" from Hymns of the Saints # 67.

Sharon Miller offered an opening prayer.

Mineral Wells Pastor, Joy Ellis, offered greetings to the conference on behalf of the Mineral Wells congregation.

Apostle Rick Maupin offered words of greeting on behalf of himself, the First Presidency, and the Council of Twelve.

Mark Euritt, assistant to the field Apostle, brought greetings to the conference as well.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the September 29, 2007 Mission Center Conference were previously distributed and published. They included a correction to the Program Support (Administrative) page of the 2008 Budget.

The minutes are approved as corrected and published.

Terry Shelton called upon Joe Postnikoff to present a plaque in recognition of Mark Euritt's service as past Mission Center president.

In Memory of Patsy White

Terry noted that Patsy White of the Waco Congregation who had served as counselor to the MC President was lost to us in an automobile accident earlier this year. He asked those assembled to pause for a moment to remember her gracious spirit and her servant ministry among us.

Mission Center 2008 Financial Report

Terry called on Ron Saur for comments and to answer questions concerning the financial reports as of September 30, 2008.

A question was raised as to the mission center contribution balance for Red Oak. Ron said he would double check the numbers concerning the Red Oak balance.

Ron noted that the unrestricted portion of the Endowment Fund showed a negative balance for 2008 due to negative earnings resulting from the downturn in the national economy and the resulting impact on investment prices.

Sionito Report

Terry Shelton called on Sionito Campground Board President, Joe Postnikoff, to present the Sionito Board report. Joe noted that an 11 circuit labyrinth had been installed and dedicated as well as completion and dedication of a meditation chapel during 2008. Joe also noted that the Children's tabernacle had been renovated, sidewalks linked, and that the water system is being linked up to the cabins. Steve Newby was thanked for his service in advising the board members regarding financial matters. Joe expressed thanks to all of the volunteers, and ministry of all.

Joe also noted that from 2007 to 2008, utility costs have doubled. As a result of expense increases, camp registrations for 2009 will increase, but reunion fees will remain the same.

A slide show was presented of Camp Sionito activities.

Camping Committee Report

Terry called attention to the Camping Committee Report and called on Ron Saur for comments on the report. There are no disbursements for the reunions because the receipts were given to the Camp Sionito board. All camps ended in the black, and Spectacular was close to covering its expenses. Mark Euritt thanked Ron Saur and the Mission Center for their donations bringing the financial reports to a manageable bottom line.

There is a change in the order of camping schedules for next summer. This is so the CIT's can attend all the events they would like to attend. There is also an international event next summer for the youth.

Terry Shelton then called attention to other items in the conference booklet.

Other Report and Information

- 1 The HTMC Website has been in operation during this year and is updated with information regularly. Thanks were expressed to Kristi Bushman of the McKinney Congregation for her service as Webmaster.
- 2 The **2009 Calendar**. Terry asked those present to make note of the changes in Junior and Junior High Camps. This change was made because some who might serve as Junior Camp CIT's have had to choose between SPEC and Junior Camp. This schedule will allow them to choose both if they wish. You will also note that there is an IYF event in Honduras in July, as well as IYF in Independence.
- 3 There will be additional events and adjustments in the 2009 calendar. These will be communicated by the communication network, and on the Mission Center Website.
- 4 **Mission Center Leadership Team and Staff** information was noted in the Conference Bulletin. There is an error in the e-mail address for Ruth Gaskins. The correct address is ruth_gaskins@yahoo.com.

- 5 Terry also noted that basic **statistical data** about congregational life events could be found in the conference bulletin. Included is the informational concerning the ratio of congregational and world church tithes for each congregation.
- 6 The **Communications** contact for each congregation was identified in the bulletin. It was noted that Kathie Moss is the communication person for the Burleson congregation. The correct email address for Ruth Gaskins was also noted on this page.

Congregation Grants

Terry noted that information concerning Congregation Grants was in the conference bulletin. This is an application in the bulletin for this new item in the 2009 budget. Terry noted the deadline for submitting applications and for the decision for the grants to be awarded. The MC Leadership Team will receive and act on the applications. It was also noted that the amount per grant will be based on several factors, including the total number of grant applications to be approved. For this year's applications there is not a specific target ministry envisioned. Mission Center leaders will be available to assist a congregation in developing a proposal and budget, and to provide other assistance as needed in preparing the applications.

Congregational Support Minister

Terry recognized Andy Shelton for comments concerning of the Congregational Support Minister role.

Andy Shelton made comments concerning his role as the HTMC Congregational Support Minister. He has served in this role for about 2 months. A page describing some the ministry that Andy will be available to provide is in the bulletin. Andy noted that his position on the Mission Center staff does not have administrative duties. He will be able to focus on the needs of the congregations. Among the items Andy is considering is a preaching round table and he plans to launch the pilot conference calls for presiders/speakers before the end of the calendar year. Andy also noted that he is meeting with pastors and congregational leaders to find ways for him to help meet congregation needs. He invited anyone to contact him. Contact information was provided in your conference packet.

Item D-4 2007 Audit

Terry called up the 2007 Audit. Terry Romig moved approval of D-4 and there was as second.

Ron Saur was recognized to comment on the 2007 audit report.

A question was raised concerning the operational reserve balance shown for Abilene. It was noted that these funds were received several years ago when the group in Abilene disbanded. There were no funds transferred in 2007. Due to the intervening time that had passed with no anticipated activity in the Abilene area those funds were added to the HTMC operating budget funds during 2008.

The motion to approve the 2007 Audit Report was approved.

Item D-3 2009 Program of Ministry (Operating Fund Budget)

Item D-3, Operating Budget was called up. Terry Romig made a motion to approve the 2009 Program of Ministry. It was seconded.

The chair recognized Steve Newby for an amendment. The motion was seconded.

Amendment Motion D-3 2009 Program of Ministry (Operating Fund Budget)

Steve proposed the following changes to the Transfers section of the 2008 Operating Fund Budget

Endowment fund	\$0.00
Operating Fund Surplus	\$16,480.00

Steve explained that this motion was necessary due to the negative returns on Endowment Fund investments which were to be a source of income for the Operating Budget. The vote on the amendment was called for and it was approved.

Original motion including the amendment.

There was a significant amount of discussion regarding the ability of the HTMC leadership team to move funds into and out of the Affiliate Investment Pool (AIP), the advisability of having an investment income line item, and the need for a balance between income and expense items in the Operating Budget.

Ron Saur noted that the AIP account is managed by professional advisors and that church policy is that any congregational or mission center funds over \$100,000 must be invested in AIP. He also recommended that the investment income item be left in the budget in anticipation of an economic turnaround in 2009. Ron also noted in response to a question that funds were still being received that are earmarked for the field specialist position, and that the \$114,000 operating fund surplus is due in part to the fact that those contributions and budgeted income for the position had been received but not expended until the field minister position was filled. That surplus is available to address shortfalls that might occur in the 2009 budget.

Joy Rathburn moved the previous question. It was seconded.

The motion on the previous question was approved.

Item D-3 2009 Operating Fund Budget was then approved as amended.

Item D-1 2009 Endowment Fund Budget

The chair called up item D-1 and Steve Newby was recognized for a substitute motion for Item D-1 2009 Endowment Fund Budget. It was seconded.

Substitute Motion D-1 2009 Endowment Fund Budget

Changes to D-1 2009 Endowment Fund Budget as printed

Restricted Funds

Investment Income	\$0.00
Proceeds from Oak Cliff Mortgage	\$0.00
Total Restricted Receipts	\$500.00

Unrestricted Funds

Investment Income	\$0.00
Transfer to Operating Fund	\$0.00

Net Change in Unrestricted Funds \$0.00

Steve spoke to the substitute motion noting that the HTMC leadership team does not anticipate any income from the endowment funds in 2009.

The vote on the substitute motion was called for and it passed.

Item D-2 2009 Equipment Fund Budget

Pam Romig moved the motion. It was seconded. It was approved without discussion.

Sustaining Vote of MC President and MC Financial Officer. Apostle Rick Maupin assumed the chair and spoke to the appointments of Terry Shelton, and Ron Saur. Rick Maupin read a letter from the First Presidency appointing Terry Shelton as MC President. Pam Romig moved the sustaining of Terry Shelton and there was a second. He was sustained.

Rick then read a letter from the First Presidency appointing Ron Saur as MC Financial Officer. Joy Rathburn moved the sustaining of Ron Saur. There was a second. He was sustained.

Item A-1 Sustaining of Mission Center Presidency

Rick called up A-1 and Barbara Mink moved to sustain the newly formed HTMC Presidency for the remainder of 2008. The motion was seconded, a vote taken, and the MC Presidency was sustained.

Item A-2 Sustaining of Mission Center Officers.

Item A-2 was called up and George Sonora moved to sustain the HTMC officers.

It was seconded and a vote was taken. The HTMC officers were sustained.

Item A-3 Sustaining of Mission Center Council

Terry Shelton called up Item A-3, Sustaining of Mission Center Council. Terry noted that the Mission Center Council is listed on page 39. This body serves to provide counsel to the Mission Center President. It includes the Mission Center Leadership Team and the pastors and co-pastors of the congregations and emerging congregations of the Mission Center.

The composition of the MC Council is by appointment by the MC President and sustained by the conference. Persons who are not members may be invited to share in council meetings at times. The official makeup of the council may be modified in the council in the future, and such changes will be presented to a subsequent conference.

Pam Romig moved the sustaining of the Mission Center Council. It was seconded. The motion was approved.

Item A-4 Sustaining Mission Center Recorder

Item A-4 Sustaining of the Mission Center Recorder (Ruth Shelton) was called to the floor.

Karl Ratzlaff made a motion to sustain the Ruth Shelton as the Mission Center Recorder. There was a second. The vote was taken and Ruth was sustained.

Item B-1 Camp Sionito Board of Directors

Terry called Item B-1, Camp Sionito Board of Directors to the floor. Terry noted that the terms of Nick Sanders and Vicki Vogel expires on August 31, 2009.

The positions were considered separately, and the person receiving the majority of votes cast for each position will be elected.

Carl Wenholz nominated Nick Sanders to the 1st 3-Year Term (Sept. 1, 2009 – Aug. 31, 2012). A vote was taken and Nick was approved.

Nick Sanders nominated Vicki Vogel to the 2nd 3-Year Term (Sept. 1, 2009 – Aug. 31, 2012). A vote was taken and Vicki was approved.

Recognitions and Appreciation:

Terry Shelton made the following recognitions of appreciation:

- Mineral Wells Congregation for hosting the conference, and for providing the nursery.
- Fort Worth Congregation for morning muffins.
- Rick Maupin and Mark Euritt for their leadership and ministry with us.
- MC Leadership Team for their work in developing and completing the

conference organization and booklet.

- Andy Shelton and Barbara Mink and all who shared in worship leadership for our services today.
- Joe Postnikoff and the teachers for providing classes for the children and youth.
- Bobbi Newby for acting as secretary.
- Barbara and Andy for providing piano accompaniment during the conference.

Adjournment and Setting Apart

Joy Rathburn made a motion to adjourn. It was seconded, and the motion to adjourn was approved.

Following adjournment Terry Shelton, Joe Postnikoff, Diana McAlister and Sharon Miller were set apart to their respective positions of leadership in the Mission Center.

Respectfully submitted,

Bobbi Newby
Acting Secretary