

**Heart of Texas Mission Center Conference Meeting Minutes**  
**October 31, 2009**  
**Carrier Parkway 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.

Steve Newby offered an opening prayer.

Apostle Rick Maupin offered words of greeting on behalf of himself, the First Presidency, and the Council of Twelve. Information was given concerning the upcoming 2010 World Conference and resolutions that will be coming forward during that conference. He encouraged prayer for discernment from the congregation for the conference. Rick shared a video and expressed thanks from the church in Jamaica and the world church for continued financial support.

**Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of the November 1, 2008 Mission Center Conference were previously distributed and published.

The minutes are approved as corrected and published.

**Item B-1 Election of World Conference Delegates and Alternates**

Joe Postnikoff was called upon to conduct the election of conference delegates from the Heart of Texas Mission Center for the April 2010 World Conference.

Ballots were distributed to those present who are members of the Heart of Texas Mission Center congregations. Additional nominations were made, and members were asked to vote. After members completed their individual ballots, they were collected. The results of the vote were announced later in the conference after votes were tabulated.

**Mission Center 2009 Financial Report**

Terry Shelton called on Ron Saur for comments and to answer questions concerning the financial reports as of September 30, 2009. Terry Shelton stepped to chair, and answered further questions concerning the report.

**Sionito Campground Report**

A video highlighting 2009 camps was presented. Terry Shelton called on Joe Postnikoff, Sionito Board President, to present the Sionito Board report which included an audit of the financial records. Joe recognized current members of the Sionito Board. Because the Mission Center President and Financial Officer each hold an ex-officio position for each mission center, Michele McAllister occupies the ex-officio board member position as appointed by the Mission Center President. The Mission Center Financial Officer names a person from Coastal Bend Mission Center to occupy his ex-officio position.

Winning photographs from the annual Tom Grubbs photo contest were shown. Current capital improvement projects were reviewed.

**Camping Committee Report**

Ron Saur was called to present the Camping Committee report. The Camping Committee will be

meeting on November 21, 2009. Comments regarding camping activities should be conveyed to the Camping Committee prior to that meeting for review. Camps were well attended this past summer, and available camperships provided many opportunities for campers who would otherwise be unable to attend.

### **Other Report and Information**

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

- 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 **2010 Calendar**. Terry asked those present to make note that the changes in Junior and Junior High Camps have been continued. 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.
- 3 If there are additional events and adjustments in the 2010 calendar, these will be communicated by the communication network, and on the Mission Center Website.
- 4 Information on the **Mission Center Leadership Team and Staff** was noted in the Conference Bulletin.
- 5 Terry also noted that basic **statistical data** about congregational life events could be found in the conference bulletin. Included is the information concerning the ratio of Congregational and World Church Tithes for each congregation.
- 6 The **Communications** contact for each congregation has been identified in the bulletin. Linda Rose has agreed to coordinate communication for the mission center. Karl Ratzlaff was recognized for his past service as the communications contact.

### **Congregational Support Minister**

Terry remained in the chair and recognized Andy Shelton for comments concerning the Congregational Support Minister role. Children's ministry materials will be available on the Mission Center website beginning with Advent this year. Weekly pulpit roundtable discussions are held via conference call each Sunday evening.

### **Item C-1 Initiation and Consideration of Legislation 2007**

Tim Hogue raised a point of order. The point of order was as follows:

Item C-1 Initiation and Consideration of Legislation listed as having been approved in the minutes of the September 29, 2007 Heart of Texas Mission Center business meeting, was in fact not approved, and, because it did not receive a 2/3 vote, must be declared null and void. Initiation and consideration of Legislation listed as having been approved in the minutes of the September 29, 2007 Heart of Texas Mission Center business meeting denies Mission Center members the basic right of making an ordinary main motion on the floor, and therefore, must be declared null and void.

Mission Center President Terry Shelton spoke to the Point of Order. Terry's ruling was that, because it was not presented at the time that the resolution was presented, the point of order is not well taken.

Tim Hogue presented a motion to appeal to the conference body. The motion was seconded. Rick Maupin was asked to take to the chair. A vote was taken whether the congregation would sustain the ruling of the chair. The decision of the chair was sustained. Terry asked for a question of privilege, and spoke to the point of order. He made the following statement:

“The chair asks a personal privilege to make a statement for the good of the body. A point of order or an appeal from the decision of the chair is absolutely proper and should not be viewed otherwise. Quoting from Roberts Rules of Order: ‘If a member disagrees with a ruling of the chair affecting any substantial question, he (or she) should not hesitate to appeal. The situation is no more delicate than disagreeing with another member in debate’ (p. 250)

It should be noted that the resolution in question, while not changed during this exchange, can be modified or rescinded by action of a subsequent conference. Thank you for the manner in which we have dealt with these questions.”

#### **Item D-4 2008 Audit**

Terry brought forward the 2008 Audit. Nick Sanders made a motion to approve item D-4. A second was given by Don Rose. A vote was taken, and the motion was approved.

#### **Item D-3 2010 Program of Ministry (Operating Fund Budget)**

The 2010 Operating Fund Budget was presented. Ron Saur made a motion to approve the 2010 Program of Ministry. It was seconded by Joe Postnikoff. The chair recognized Ron Saur to speak to the motion. Terry responded to questions regarding the 2010 operating budget. A vote was taken, and the budget was unanimously passed.

#### **Item D-1 2010 Endowment Fund Budget**

The chair called up item D-1. Don Rose made a motion to approve. It was seconded. Ron Saur was recognized to comment on the motion. The Endowment Fund Budget vote was called to approve. It was approved unanimously.

#### **Item D-2 2010 Equipment Fund Budget**

Steve Newby moved the motion to approve the 2010 Equipment Fund Budget. It was seconded. Ron Saur spoke to the motion, and responded to questions regarding the budget amounts.

A motion was made to remove the investment income of \$350.00 from the equipment fund budget by Jim Price. It was seconded. A vote was taken, and the budget was amended.

A vote was taken to approve the amended budget in total. It was approved.

#### **Item A-1 Sustaining of Mission Center Officers**

Rick Maupin assumed the chair and called up A-1 and Karl Ratzlaff moved to sustain the HTMC Presidency for 2010. The motion was seconded. Rick read a letter from the First Presidency appointing Terry Shelton as Mission Center President. A vote was taken, and Terry Shelton was sustained. Rick then read a letter from the First Presidency appointing Ron Saur as Mission

Center Financial Officer. A vote was taken, and the appointment was approved. A vote was taken on the entire list of the Mission Center leadership team. A vote was taken, and the Mission Center Leadership Team was sustained.

### **Item A-2 Sustaining of Mission Center Council.**

Steve Newby assumed the chair and called up Item A-2, Sustaining of Mission Center Council, 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.

Nick Sanders moved to approve the sustaining of the Mission Center Council. It was seconded. The motion was approved.

### **Item A-3 Sustaining Mission Center Recorder**

Item A-4 Sustaining of the Mission Center Recorder, Sally Hummer, was called to the floor.

Don Rose made a motion to sustain the Sally Hummer as the Mission Center Recorder. There was a second. The vote was taken and Sally was sustained.

### **Item B-2 Camp Sionito Board of Directors**

Diana McAlister assumed the chair and called Item B-2, Camp Sionito Board of Directors to the floor. She 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. Nominations were then taken.

Nick Sanders nominated Joe Postnikoff.

Karl Ratzlaff nominated Mike Gaskins.

Don Rose nominated Linda Rose.

**Joe Postnikoff** was elected to serve the 1<sup>st</sup> 3-Year Term (Sept. 1, 2010 – Aug. 31, 2013).

Nick Sanders nominated Mike Gaskins.

Don Rose nominated Linda Rose.

**Linda Rose** was elected to serve the 2<sup>nd</sup> 3-Year Term (Sept. 1, 2010 – Aug. 31, 2013).

### **Announcement Concerning Carrier Parkway Property**

As a point of information, Terry Shelton presented notice that there has been an inquiry from a

potential buyer concerning the property behind the Carrier Parkway parking lot.

### **Recognitions and Appreciation**

Ron Saur presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Ruth Shelton for her service to the Mission Center as Recorder from 2004 to 2009.

A Certificate of Appreciation was also presented to Karl Ratzlaff as Communications Coordinator and Visiting Preaching Coordinator 2004 to 2009.

Terry Shelton made the following recognitions of appreciation:

- Carrier Parkway Congregation for hosting the conference.
- Vera Bohnet, Jeannette Harmon, Mitzi Thrutchley, Linda Beck, Gloria Stanton, and Kim Hogue for preparing lunch.
- Rick Maupin for his leadership and ministry with us.
- MC Leadership Team for their work in developing and completing the conference organization and booklet.
- Ron Saur for arranging for the printing of the booklet.
- Andy Shelton, Lynda Sanders, and those sharing in worship leadership for our services today.
- Bobbie Price and the teachers for providing classes for the children and youth.
- Bobbi Newby for acting as secretary.
- Nancy Hadsell for providing piano accompaniment during the conference
- Marlene Rogers and Paul and Vicki Vogel for providing the nursery.
- Each one for their presence and participation in the conference.

Terry Shelton announced the World Conference Delegates and Alternates for 2010.

Delegates to the 2010 World Conference are listed below in order of the number of votes received. The first 21 are delegates and the remainder are alternates.

**No. Name**

<b>1</b>	Joe Postnikoff
<b>2</b>	Karl Ratzlaff
<b>3</b>	Vicki Vogel
<b>4</b>	Lavada Ratzlaff
<b>5</b>	Lynda Sanders
<b>6</b>	Terry Shelton
<b>7</b>	Ruth Shelton
<b>8</b>	Barbara Mink
<b>9</b>	Nick Sanders
<b>10</b>	Andy Shelton
<b>11</b>	Darrell Mink
<b>12</b>	Maggie Postnikoff
<b>13</b>	Kathie Moss

14	Carl Wenholz
15	Chris Beck
16	Amanda Vogel
17	Nancy Wenholz
18	Kevin Mink
19	Joy Rathbun
20	Nadra Thompson
21	Pat Pratt
22	Kathy Minton
23	Diana Frazier
24	Trish Williams
25	Doug Fristo
26	Nathan Hudson

### **Adjournment and Preparation for Worship**

Jim Price made a motion to adjourn. It was seconded, and the motion to adjourn was approved.

The conference stood and sang “You Shall Go Out With Joy”, Sing for Peace 45. Sharon Miller brought the closing prayer. The conference was adjourned.