

**Heart of Texas Mission Center Conference Business Meeting Minutes**  
**September 27, 2014**  
**Carrier Parkway Congregation**

Mission Center President Andy Shelton called the Heart of Texas Mission Center conference to order at 1:29 pm.

The conference opened with the congregation singing “Fountain of All Revelation.”

Kathy Minton brought the opening prayer.

Apostle Art Smith offered greetings on behalf of himself, Rick Maupin, Karin Peter, and the First Presidency. He encouraged members to reflect on Doctrine and Covenants 164 calling it eventful, challenging, and God’s vision for the church.

**Acting Secretary**

Bobbi Newby agreed to serve as acting secretary for the conference.

**Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of the October 26, 2013 and March 15, 2014 Mission Center Conferences were previously distributed and published. The minutes were approved as distributed.

**Conference Procedures**

The chair called attention to the conferences procedures which will be used for the Mission Center conference, which are printed in the conference booklet.

**Mission Center Financial Report**

The chair recognized Ron Saur to make some comments and to answer questions concerning the financial reports as of August 31, 2014 which have been printed in the conference bulletin.

**Congregational Life Events Summary**

Ron Saur directed the conference to the congregational life events summary contained in the conference bulletin. He encouraged members to share equally with World Ministries and Congregational Ministries.

**Sionito Report**

The chair recognized Nick Sanders, President of the Board of Directors of Camp Sionito, who introduced the 2014 Camp Sionito DVD which was photographed and produced by Cheyenne Rose. Nick reviewed capital projects that have been completed in 2014, and projects that are ongoing. He also noted that BCFS (Baptist Children and Family Services) used Camp Sionito to

house children who have walked across the border until they could be reunited with family members. Bonnie and Lynn Rockwood along with Eileen and Cecil Alford were recognized as recipients of the 2014 Lifetime Service Award.

### **Camping Committee Report**

The chair recognized Ron Saur to make comments concerning the Camp Sionito report and audit. The seasonal employees that were added to last year's budget were greatly beneficial. Applications for next summer are currently being accepted. Apostle Art Smith will be the guest minister for both 2015 reunions. Dates are printed in the conference bulletin.

### **Other Reports and Information**

Barbara Mink presented a seminarian's report concerning her current enrollment in Brite Divinity School. Barbara thanked the congregation for their support.

Opportunities for spiritual direction were offered by Jeri Grigg. She is available to congregations, couples, small groups, and individuals.

The 2015 Heart of Texas Mission Center calendar has been included in the conference packet, and is also posted on the Mission Center website.

Information on the Mission Center Leadership Team, boards, and committees was noted in the conference bulletin. A Missionary Coordinator has not been determined at this time.

The communications contact for each congregation has been identified in the bulletin. Announcements will always come through Shelly Allen, Mission Center Communications Coordinator, or from the mission center president.

A brief report on the current status of the Carrier Parkway property was presented. There have been no offers on the property. Options including a community garden have been discussed.

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

Apostle Art Smith assumed the chair and called up Item A-1. Dan Miller made the motion to approve the resolution. It was seconded. Art Smith then read a letter from the First Presidency concerning the appointment of Andy Shelton to Heart of Texas Mission Center President. A vote was taken, and the appointment was sustained. Art then read a letter from the First Presidency appointing Ron Saur as Mission Center Financial Officer. A vote was taken, and the appointment was sustained. The resolution was then voted on as a whole and motion passed.

### **Item A-2 Mission Center Missionary Coordinator**

Andy Shelton assumed the chair. A Mission Center missionary coordinator has not been named at this time. All matters of a missionary nature should be directed to Andy until one is appointed.

### **Item A-3 Sustaining of the Mission Center Leadership Team**

Kevin Mink made the motion to approve the sustaining of the mission center leadership team, which is made up of the mission center president, financial officer, and their counselors. It was seconded. A vote was taken and it was approved.

### **Item A-4 Sustaining of Mission Center Council**

The Mission Center Council is appointed by the Mission Center President. The Council includes the Pastors and Co-Pastors, the Congregation Financial Officers, and the Leadership Team of Heart of Texas. Mission Center President Andy Shelton has appointed three young adults and three youth representatives to the council. The council members were listed in the conference bulletin. Jeri Grigg made the motion to sustain the Mission Center Council. The motion was seconded. A vote was taken and motion sustained.

Those who served as pastors or congregational financial officers in 2014 and those who will be serving in 2015 were asked to stand and be recognized.

### **Item A-5 Sustaining Mission Center Recorder**

The Chair recognized Sally Hummer for a motion to approve the sustaining of Mission Center Recorder, Bobbi Newby. It was seconded. A vote was taken and Bobbi was sustained.

### **Item B-1 Camp Sionito Board of Directors**

Joe Postnikoff assumed the chair. An election to fill two positions, each serving three year terms (September 1, 2015 – August 31, 2018) on the Camp Sionito Board of Directors was conducted. A list of current board members is found in the conference bulletin.

The terms of office for Nick Sanders and Vicki Vogel will expire Aug. 31, 2015. The conference elected two board members to fill these vacancies. Each position was presented and voted on individually. Nick Sanders was the only nominee for the first position and was elected. Vicki Vogel was the only nominee for the second position and was elected. Their terms as follows:

1<sup>st</sup> 3-Year Term (Sept. 1, 2014– Aug. 31, 2017) Nick Sanders

2<sup>nd</sup> 3-Year Term (Sept. 1, 2014 – Aug. 31, 2017) Vicki Vogel

### **Item B-2 Sustaining of Camping Committee Members**

Andy Shelton brought forward the sustaining of the camping committee members appointed by the Mission Center President. The camping committee is made up of members appointed by the mission center presidents of Heart of Texas and Coastal Bend, and the affiliated congregations of the Mexico-Texas Mission Center. Laurie Say, John Ellis, and Linda Rose have been appointed by the Heart of Texas Mission Center. Mike Thrutchley made a motion to sustain these members. The motion was seconded. A vote was taken, and the motion was approved.

### **Item D-7 Camping Committee Audit**

Ron Saur spoke to the report. Kevin Mink moved to approve D-7, the camping committee audit. It was seconded. A vote was taken, and the motion was approved.

### **Item D-6 2012 Audit**

The chair recognized Steve Newby to make a motion to accept the D-6 Audit. It was seconded. A vote was taken and the Audit was approved.

### **Item D-1 2015 Endowment Fund Budget, Item D-2 2015 Equipment Fund Budget, Item D-3 2015 Undesignated Earnings Fund Budget, Item D-4 2015 Operating Reserve Fund Budget**

These four resolutions were brought to the attention of the conference as a whole. Charlotte Shanks moved to approve items D-1, D-2, D-3, and D-4. It was seconded. A vote was taken and these items were approved.

### **D-5: 2015 Mission Initiative Based Operating Fund Budget**

Scott Bushman moved to approve D-5. It was seconded. Ron Saur presented the budget to the conference. A vote was taken and the budget was approved.

### **Recognitions and Appreciation**

A statement of appreciation was read by Apostle Art Smith to Ron Saur from World Church. Ron was presented with a plaque recognizing his 11 years as a field specialist in the Heart of Texas Mission Center.

Art then read a statement recognizing Andy Shelton in his service to the Community of Christ in the Heart of Texas Mission Center for 10 years of field service. A plaque was also received by Andy.

Ron Saur presented a plaque to Sally Hummer who served as Mission Center recorder for the years 2009-2013. Sally then expressed her thanks to Terry Shelton and Ron Saur for their support.

Andy expressed appreciation to Carrier Parkway for hosting the conference; Laurie Say and Jeri Grigg for coordinating lunch and snacks; Art Smith for his leadership and class, and for his continued ministry and support; Ron Saur for preparing the conference booklet; Lu Ann Long for serving as pianist for the conference; and to Bobbi Newby for serving as secretary.

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

The chair entertained a motion to adjourn by Nancy Hadsell. It was seconded. A vote was taken, and the conference was adjourned. "Church of Christ Now Poised Anew" was sung in closing. The Heart of Texas Mission Center Conference stands adjourned until September 26, 2015.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Bobbi Newby, Conference Secretary