

General Board Meeting Minutes

November 14, 2019 6:30 p.m. – Youth Building

ATTENDING	Greg Taliaferro, Chair	Pam Jones, Chair-elect
	Debbie Poché, Secretary	Rev. Dr. David Chisham, Sr. Minister
	Chris Culp, At Large	Beverly Tipton, At Large
	Tony Fatta, At Large	Mary Thompson, At Large
	Charlene Landry, Elder Chair	
ABSENT	Mike Wilson, Treasurer	Lucy Cody, At Large
	Jared Sullivan, At Large	
ALSO ATTENDING	Jo Craddock, Admin. Asst.	
OPENING	Greg Taliaferro called the meeting to order at 6:36 p.m. and Charlene Landry offered a devotional on “Amazing Grace,” and opening prayer.	
MINUTES	The minutes from September 24, 2019 were introduced by Secretary Debbie Poché. Pam Jones pointed out that the initial conversation regarding nursery worker CPR training considered a deadline of March 31, rather than March 20. With this correction noted, Mary Thompson moved that the minutes be accepted, and the motion carried.	
COMM. REPORTS	Rev. Chisham went over the property report, outlining the items that have occurred and are ongoing since the last meeting. He brought before the Board consideration of updating the current large projector in the sanctuary, noting several member suggestions that the current system is dim and it is aged. Considerations include bulb replacement (disappointing and expensive due to aging system) of current projector, replace projector, or replacement with large-screen (86”) TV monitor which have come into financial comparison with projectors. He noted the TV replacement would offer Hi-Def imaging; be comparable to the clear, bright images on the current 55” screen on the west side, and allow the light bar over the choir area to again be used. Members generally noted concerns only to do with the font-size used on some lyric screens. Mary Thompson suggested a sub-committee complete proposal preparation for Board consideration and nominated Rev. Chisham and Chris Culp to said committee. Their proposal will go before the Memorials Committee for consideration and funding.	

Greg Taliaferro outlined the CPR training option for nursery workers, consisting of an online course that can be completed at the worker's convenience followed by a three-hour, in-person training resulting in certification, that will cost approximately \$60-65 per worker, plus their hourly wage during training time.

NOMINATING Pam Jones presented the 2020 Nominating Committee report to the Board, describing that the committee strived to present six names for Board seats for approval, but were able to receive only four acceptances. Some consideration and tweaking of elder duties will be discussed, to address some of the concerns raised during this process, but general concerns included increased work travel, illness or caring for ill relatives, or having too recently served.

Sally Bremer's assignment to the Sacraments committee was confirmed, and thereupon Pam Jones moved that the Nominating Committee report be accepted and put forth to the general membership for election. Chris Culp seconded, and the motion was passed without opposition.

STEWARDSHIP Rev. Chisham thanked Paul Thompson and Mike Wilson for their contributions toward the 2019 Consecration Day program which resulted in a very improved response.

BUDGET Mary Thompson presented the proposed 2020 budget, reviewing some changes from 2019, then made motion that the budget be approved and go forward to the general membership for approval. Chris Culp seconded and the motion was approved without opposition.

MINISTER'S REPORT Rev. Chisham opened his report reminding the Board of the annual congregational meeting on Sunday, December 8. We will have one service at 10:00 a.m., presenting the Christmas cantata, immediately followed by the meeting.

In reviewing his report, he suggested attendance changes be addressed as a core issue at the January meeting, perhaps including the incoming as well as outgoing Board members in discussions to carry this forward.

He noted he will be taking vacation days following Thanksgiving without missing a Sunday, and vacation days following Christmas, with Michael Elmore preaching at 10:00 a.m. (one service) on Sunday, December 29.

OTHER BUSINESS Greg Taliaferro expressed thanks to the Board for a “good year,” reminded them of the final meeting which was scheduled for January 23, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.

BENEDICTION Rev. Chisham offered prayer for the world, the church, those present and needs expressed, following which the meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jo Craddock Admin. Ass’t.