

*Minutes of Annual
Business Meeting*

2016

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The General Assembly of the Bible Holiness Church met in the tabernacle in Independence, Kansas on Monday, August 15, 2016 at 8:30 AM for the Annual Business Meeting. The 119th Camp had ended the night before.

The Annual Business Meeting was opened by Bro. Albert Schaper, our General Superintendent. Bro. Jerry Schenck led the gathering in the song He Lives, with Sister Becky Schenck accompanying on the piano. Bro. Albert Schaper read a scriptural selection from Revelations 21, and we knelt and had prayer.

Roll call was given and eligible voters were 99 with 54 present. The minutes and financial statements from the prior year were read and approved.

The motion was made and passed to nominate and vote by ballot.

The following orders of business were conducted:

District Superintendents are elected by the delegated body of each district prior to this meeting, and must then be approved by this assembly. The following were approved:

West Central District:

Rick Hollenbeck was reelected.

Southern District:

Jerry Schenck was reelected.

Southeastern District:

Dan Williams was reelected.

East Central District:

Duane Elmore was reelected.

Northeastern District:

David Knight was reelected.

Pacific Southwest District:

Steve Acuff was reelected.

Pacific Northwest District:

William Searles was reelected.

General Church Trustees:

Dan Williams was reelected.

Jerry Schenck was reelected.

Board of Examination for License:

Wayne Knipmeyer was reelected.

Timothy Gordon was reelected.

Board of Education:

Kyle Schaper was reelected.

Seth Herring was elected.

Board of Foreign Missions:

Becky Schenck was reelected.

A motion was made to nominate by ballot and vote by uplifted hand. The motion failed.

George Prior was reelected.

Eugene Mahan was reelected.

Motion was made to nominate by voice and vote by uplifted hand. The motion failed. Motion

was then made to nominate by voice and vote by ballot. The motion passed.

Board of Home Missions

Gareth Nickerson was reelected.

Matthew Hunter was elected.

Board of Church and Parsonage Building and Loan Fund

Timothy Gordon was reelected.

Charles Schenck was reelected.

Burial Fund Board

Angela Elmore was reelected.

Board of Publication

Harold Knight was reelected.

Old Business was discussed, and the Assembly reflected on the properties and facilities use policy that had been discussed the year before. The General Board, at the request of the Assembly the prior year, had prepared an amendment for consideration. An additional amendment regarding wedding ceremonies was also brought before the Assembly at this time. Discussion around both amendments ensued for clarity, and a vote was called for.

The first Amendment read as follows:

“Add to the By-Laws point “E” to Part 2 (22) on page 40 as follows: E. We reserve the right to refuse the use of our facilities to anyone.”

The proposed amendment passed the Assembly Vote with a 2/3 majority.

The second Amendment read as follows:

“In Part 2 (27) F, page 49 after ‘ring ceremony’ insert ‘or a same-sex union’.”

The proposed amendment passed the Assembly Vote with a 2/3 majority.

New business was open for discussion, and suggestions around alternatives to having our General Assembly the Monday following Annual Camp were discussed. The by-laws currently give the General Superintendent the responsibility for setting or changing the date of the Assembly if needed. Alternatives were discussed but no motion was made. Discussion was opened regarding potential by-law revision.

The Assembly was dismissed for lunch at 12:30, and the meeting was resumed at 1:30PM.

Bro. Albert addressed the Assembly regarding the process of by-law revision as a whole, and also regarding specific revisions. He clarified the process for the Assembly and encouraged thoughtful participation. There was more discussion but no motion was offered.

The Assembly adjourned at 2:00 PM.