

"Blow ye the trumpet in Zion, and sound an alarm in my holy mountain" (Joel 2:1)

Daily Tidings of Zion

Conference of Restoration Elders

Monday April 4, 2005

Conference Opens

A prayer service for the upcoming Elders conference was held on Sunday afternoon at Waldo Restoration Branch. This service was presided over by Elder Kreg Levengood.

Seventy Richard Neil gave the sermon at the evening service. There were approximately 450 in attendance.

Monday, April 04, 2005 10:00 A.M. Business Session Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Richard Neil with the sing of a Hymn and an opening prayer by Skip Robison.

Welcome was given by Richard Neil and he reviewed the Conference Notebook and discussed the order of business that would occur.

Correction: The Melchisedec Credentials Guidelines are missing from the Conference notebooks. Copies were made and handed out.

Quorum leaders and assignments to rooms were reviewed.

Richard Neill read from section 50 of the D & C. verse 8e. The theme for the week is "The Good Shepherd." He noted that the Tidings would be available the next morning for the business session.

Richard Neil reviewed the Reports T1 Conference Council Reports, T2 Treasurers Report and T3 Audit Report. He also called attention to resolutions T5 Length of the Conference, T6 Conference Budget, T7 Melchisedec Priesthood Guidelines and T8 Election of Conference Offices.

The meeting was turned over to Dean Alberti for the seating of the Elders. He read the names of the Elders that had been approved by the Credentials Committee into the record.

Elders Approved by the Credential Committee

Agwanda	Sam	Cawley	James	Drummond	Arthur
Akamaobi	Prince	Clark	Dick	Dunning	Jim
Allison	William	Cogan	Carl	Eaton	Dave
Anderson	Dennis	Colyer	John (Ed)	Essig	Ammon
Baker	Francis	Cornish	Vaughn		(Ed)
Ballantyne	Stephen	Countryman	Henry	Etter	Donnel
Barrett	Bill	Coville	Robert	Ferdig	Steve
Bonson	David	Crabtree	Milford	Fishwild	Kurt
Brackman	Richard	Crawford	Jim	Fitch	Ed
Bradley	Jim	Crowther	Glenn	Franklin	Donald
Brown	Glen	Daugherty	Duff	Gaughran	John
Caldwell	Hugh	Dietrich	Mark	Gentry	Robert C.
Cargill	J.D.	Dippel	George	Giertz	Robert
Carrick	Dale	Dodds	Ray C	Graybill	Roger
Carroll	Leo	Doubleddee	Mel	Gross	George

Gross	Val	Miller	Robert	Treat	Ray
Hagensen	Jack	Moe	David	Van Biber	Jeffrey
Hall	Robert	Monarch	Rex	Van Fleet	Frank
Hanson	Leonard	Moreland	Gary	Varisco	Larry
Hawley	Harold	Mottashed	Donald	Vasqnes	Sororro
Hight	Danny	Mundy	Aaron	Vermeland	Ron
Holmes	Gary	Mundy	Brian	Vlieg	Bernard
Holt	Burke	Mundy	John	Volskay	Arthur
Hood	James	Nelson	Norman	Volskay	James
Howard	Russ	Newman	David	Vun Cannon	Barry
Huffman	Jay	Noren	Clyde	Webster	Darrell
Hunt	Robert	Onokala	Okechukwu	Webster	Joe
Immer	Robert	Quick	Melvin	Weiss	Phillip
Jennings	Ronald	Rawlins	Fred	Wheatley	Harold
Johns	Tim	Reid	Russell	Whenham	Robert
Johnson	Clyde	Rindels	Tom	White	Leland
Kent	Wayne	Robison	Skip	White	Robert
Kyser	Ben	Roush	Billy	Wilkinson	Jim
Lane	Ray	Rowan	Larry	Winters	Robert
Leutzinger	Robin	Rowland	Richard	Kent	Vernon
Leutzinger	Rudy	Rowlett	Jerry	Odida	Eric
Leutzinger	Verne	Sams	Ray	Schnack	Vernard
Levengood	Kreg	Saul	Don	Sherer	Nathan
Lidberg	Ron	Schnack	Garland	Smith	Richard A
Lind	Al	Schultz	Steven	Gage	Paul
Ludy	Paul	Schwartz	Dan	Rolfe	Rob
Marshall	Steve	Sherer	Dan	Smith	Leonard
Mbanaso	Hensley	Sinclair	Vern	Ballantyne	Mike
Mc Kiddie	Carl	Smith	Lyle	Barnett	Milo
McFarland	Ray C	Smith	Stephen	Cornish	Verle
McFarland	Robert	Solomon	Albert (Bud)	Machart	Dale
McInnis	Allan G.	Spurlock	Randy	Neill	Richard
Mefferd	George	Stowell	Duane	Thomas	George
Metzger	Gary	Taylor	Robert		
Midkiff	Dennis	Taylor	Robert		

Richard Neill outlined the process of appealing names received from the Credentials Committee. It shall be in writing and given to Dan Brotherton.

John Moses said his name was not read. Richard Neil direct that the Conference Secretary will assign quorums to those not in a quorum. Those names that have been read will have voice and vote.

Correction: Dow Eaton stated his name was spelled wrong.

Dan Brotherton presented the Conference Chairman. It was moved and seconded to sustain Richard Neil as Conference Chairman passed unanimously.

Richard Neill presented the Conference Secretary. It was moved and seconded to sustain Jim Vun Cannon as Conference Secretary passed unanimously.

Richard Neill asked that the Conference Reports be accepted. Darrell Webster moved and Lyle Smith seconded. There was no discussion. It passed unanimously.

Richard Neil presented the Conference Agenda. Lyle Smith moved to accept the Conference Agenda. The motion was seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Richard Neill turned over the conference to Ron Lidberg to present T2 Treasurers Report. This past year was a very good year for the conference we had a 23% increase over last year. This was due to a good response from the membership after an article in the Tidings in February. He discussed the budget and talked about the acquisition of equipment for the production of audio CD's. The missionary parts of the budget were also discussed regarding SEAAM, ARM and LAMB. Ron Lidberg said that he would be giving up the position of Treasurer at the end of this conference. Richard Neill asked for a motion to accept Section 4-1. Steve Ferguson so moved and Russ Reid seconded. It was passed unanimously.

Richard Neill turned over the conference to Ron Lidberg for the T3 Auditors Report. It was read by Ron Lidberg. Ron Lidberg moved that we accept the **T3 Resolution to Accept FY2004-05 Statement of Financial position and operations statement**. Bob Giertz seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

T3a Resolution to accept FY2004-05 Audit Committee Report was moved by Steve Ferdig and seconded by Russ Reid. T3a passed unanimously

Richard Neill requested that the conference vote on T5 the Length of the Conference first instead of the Budget for the Week, T-4. Jim Crawford moved **T5 Length of the Conference**. Russ Reid seconded a discussion ensued.

Duff Daugherty, Oak Grove, spoke against the motion.

Jack Evans, FL, spoke in favor of the motion.

Dale Volksay spoke against the motion. They have continued to for this program for at least two years. They have piggybacked on the conference. We need the extra 2 days.

Verle Cornish, Hill Cumorah, spoke in clarification of a statement that a revelation had been given by Patriarch Vernon Darling. He said that the April 3, 2003 message was not a revelation, but an inspired message that we should come together to be of one heart, and one mind.

Much discussion ensued with many viewpoints expressed.

Ron Lidberg raised the previous question. Richard Neill asked if anyone else wanted to speak.

Kreg Levengood seconded the motion. Richard Neill called for the vote on the previous question. It passed unanimously.

Richard Neill then called for the vote on **T5 Length of the Conference**. It passed by a clear 2/3 majority.

Richard Neil He spoke about Conference officers. He said the body would not be able to go through the nominations quickly today. Nominations will take place Tuesday's business session.

Richard Neill stated that he will not seek re-election as conference chair, and that the conference secretary and the conference treasurer will also not seek re-election. He wanted to assure members that all things were going well, and that these decisions were reached separately. Tomorrow the floor will be open for nominations for conference officers. Richard said that he was pleased and thrilled the things that have happened with the conference and that Zion still languishes and that we will work on that together to that end. He said he would continue to be a part of the conference.

Richard Neill said tomorrow's business will also include **T7 Melchisedec Priesthood Guidelines**.

Richard Neill stated that **T4 the Conference Budget**, Section 5, page 1 would be voted on next. He reviewed the budget. The shortened week will lessen the opportunity for offerings in the evenings and some expenses will need to be taken care of whether we have gone a whole week or a half week. Richard said as administrator of CPRS, He is concerned that the \$5000 that was budgeted for CPRS, but the difference maybe could be made up else where. Darrell Webster moved **T4 the Conference Budget** and Mel Doubledee seconded.

Brian Mundy of Missionary Restoration Branch moved to amend facilities rental back to the \$5,000. Second by Kreg Levensgood.

Brian Mundy stated that even though it wasn't written we entered into a verbal contract with the school that we would reserve the building for this week. He further stated that because the school had budgeted for this amount that it wasn't appropriate for us to cut our funding short but that we should continue to fulfill our financial obligations to the school.

Richard Neill: Stated that this amendment would increase it by \$2,500 and bring it to \$11,000. No discussion was given.

Amendment to **T4 the Conference Budget** passed but not unanimously (facilities rental back to the \$5,000).

T4 the Conference Budget passed but not unanimously.

Ron Lidberg said that as of today **\$3,798.40** had been received for the week's budget out of the **\$11,000** needed.

Mel Doubledee made a motion that we have a business meeting this afternoon from 3:15 until business was concluded for the day. Russ Reid seconded it.

Mel Doubledee spoke to the motion and said the purpose was to continue to conduct business due to the shortened length of the conference.

Vim Horn of Oak Grove spoke against the motion saying that it would be too difficult to contact the quorums members in a timely manner.

Rudy Leutsinger, Independence Branch said that the business matters could be best taken care of on Wednesday afternoon than this afternoon.

Motion Failed.

Meeting was adjourned with a prayer.