

"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

Friday, April 10, 2009

These are the additional Melchisedec members approved by the Credentials Committee on Thursday, April 9, 2009.

Credential Committee Approves the Following Elder

George Dunning

Conference Statistics:

Total Registered Elders as of Thursday evening, April 9, 2009: 97. Total registered non-Melchisedec: 60.

Minutes of the business session for April 9, 2009, 1:30 PM.

The meeting was opened with the singing of hymn "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing". The opening prayer was offered by Brother Robert Taylor. The chair then proceeded to dismiss the Elder's Council for an appeal to a credentials issue.

Brother Andy O'Neil from the credentials committee moved that the body accept Elders Dennis Brown and Todd Smith. Brother Paul Gage seconded the motion. The vote to sustain carried.

Brother Russ Reid then moved to accept the minutes as printed in the Daily Tidings. Brother Dan Brotherton seconded. It was noted that yesterday's minutes were moved and seconded but no names were recorded. Without objection, the body approved, noting that minutes had been accepted yesterday by motion and a second.

The chair then called for reports from the quorums. Quorum 1's secretary, Dale Carrick reported that the group had considered the proposal made by the chair the day previous and had come with two resolutions. One was regarding the resolution and the other about a time limit on the debate.

Brother Bruce Levengood reported that their quorum had taken up the issue and had also brought a resolution regarding that matter. They also heard a report from Robert Whenham regarding the committee's work and also discussed the original motion from the Evangelism Council on page 3-7. No action was taken on the original motion.

Brother Hugh Caldwell reported that quorum three had made a couple of minor changes to the tabled resolution.

Brother Mike Sanders asked if we could adjust the order of business to accommodate the work that was before the conference body. The chair responded that he believed that we could accomplish the tasks in the allotted time.

Brother Dale Carrick moved that debate be limited to three minutes per speaker. Brother Gerry Bird seconded. Seeing no debate, the chair called for the vote and it carried.

The chair also indicated it would ask the brethren to not stand a second time unless they were covering new information.

There was then some discussion regarding the committee's report and the order of business and what could be taken up or discussed. The chair had determined that until the Elder's Council returned from their meeting it would not be wise to tackle the business items before the body. Discussion ensued again once the body was looking at the differences on the screen. It seemed to be the conclusion of the body that all three resolutions were so similar in nature that there might be a way to make them into one motion to bring before the body and deal with.

At this point, Brother Vim Horn indicated that the report from the committee that had been commissioned earlier in the conference was ready. The chair recognized Brother Horn and he then proceeded to give his report to the conference, covering each of the 6 pages, mainly item by item. (The report will be published on the CRE website and not included in the Daily Tidings for the sake of space).

After the presentation Brother Brian Mundy asked if motion was in order and the Chair indicated it would not be appropriate seeing that resolutions needed to come through the quorums. Brother's Andy O'Neil and Mike Sanders spoke to let the body go through it now and not move into quorums. The chair asked the body if this was their desire and the body voted to not move into quorums but have the discussion here.

Brother Horn then moved to accept the report. Brother Glynn Carpenter seconded the motion.

Brother Brian Mundy then moved to amend the motion to –

“accept the recommendations of the committee, item #1, page four (dealing with “forms and functions” of elder’s conferences), item #3 on page five (dealing with communication between the conference and the saints), task #2 on page six (regarding the improvement of the elder’s spiritual standing and respect among the saints) and that we refer #2 on page four (budgetary items) to the CCE and the Publications Council.”

Brother Sanders seconded the motion. Brother Russ Reid moved to make an amendment regarding the reading of 1-E on page four regarding the number of people who could serve on the Publication's council. It did not receive a second and therefore was not debated.

Brother Brotherton indicated that we can't amend a report. The chair ruled that because the report had some action items as part of it he would take them on a case-by-case basis.

After some more discussion, Brother Horn moved to amend that the body also,

“refer task #3 on page six (regarding ways to build up Zion) and both items of task of task #1 on page three (concerning the purpose of the Elder’s Conference) to the Coordinating and Publications Councils”

Brother Brotherton wanted clarification on if we were treating this as amendable action items or as a report? Some discussion followed, including from those on the committee about their intent and purpose of the recommendations.

After more discussion, Brother Horn suggested to the chair that the body deal with the report as being received by the conference and then deal with the action items or recommendations. The chair wanted to get the position of the body on this since we had already had a resolution with two separate amendments on the floor. After some discussion,

the chair asked the body if we could go back without objection and deal with item as a report. The body voted unanimously to handle it this way.

Brother Horn then moved to accept the report. This was seconded by Brother Carpenter again and it passed. The Chair then asked if it was acceptable to the body for them to consider the action items as issues they could bring resolutions regarding. The body was in favor of this avenue.

Brother Sanders moved,

“...that task #1 on page one, and items 1 and 2 on page three, item #2 on page four, and task 3 on page six be referred to the CCE and the Publications council and that the item #1 on page four, item #3 on page five and #2 on page six be accepted wholesale”.

The intent of the motion was to join Brother Mundy’s original amendment and Brother Horn’s second amendment together. Brother O’Neil seconded the motion. Brother Horn then moved an amendment to add the phrase “...unless they can be filled or until some future time.” This was done for item 1-f on page 4 which spoke of not currently filling certain councils under the conference. Brother Russ Reid seconded the amendment.

Brother Paul Gage indicated that if this amendment passes, then item 1-g (recommending that the Education council be merged with the Publications council) would be moot if the council was filled later. The Chair then asked for the vote on the amendment and it carried.

Brother Daugherty moved that the body take up just the referrals now in the original motion. Brother Gerry Bird seconded the amendment. The vote to pass only the referrals carried.

The body was now back to the main motion and dealing with only the actionable items. After some discussion about the recommendation to have the chairman more involved in the conference throughout the year, Brother Brotherton moved to strike 1-a on page 4 which states, “Recommend that the conference chairman be more involved in the affairs of the conference during the interim conference period.” Brother Sanders seconded the motion and after a short explanation from Brother Brotherton, the vote was taken and the amendment passed.

Brother Mark Ballantyne then moved to change the wording of task 2, page six, part H, which spoke of ways to explore the “permanent” nature of quorums. Brother Whenham seconded the motion and it carried. Task 2, page six, part H now reads,

“Recommend that the CRE examine ways that the elders can meet more regularly, to learn their duties and gain strength to better serve the saints.”

After some more discussion on the whole report and purpose the vote was taken on the main motion and it carried unanimously.

A request was made to take a 5 minute break and to reconvene at 4:00.

The business session reconvened at 4:05 and Brother Sanders wondered if the body could deal with the three resolutions brought up by the quorums as opposed to dealing with the election of officers. The chair asked the body their preference and the body voted 23-12 to continue with the order of the day, which was then to elect officers.

Brother Neill asked if the body wanted written nominations and the body voted to have the votes by raised hand. He then turned the chair over to Brother Howard Parker who began accepting nominations for Chairman. Brother Richard Neill was the only one who accepted and the vote to sustain him was passed.

The position of secretary was not filled, although the current secretary was willing to work with whoever was selected at a later date to make the transition easier.

Dan Brotherton nominated Michael Stephenson for the position of Treasurer and he was approved. Lyle Smith nominated Jim Daugherty for the Historian's position and he was approved.

Nominations for the Coordinating Council were then taken. The following individuals were nominated: Brothers Mike Sanders, Bob Immer, Andy O'Neil, Garry Piatt, Mark Ballantyne, Dayn Cederstrom, Robert Whenham, Gary Moreland and Vim Horn. After a ballot vote, Brothers Vim Horn, Bob Immer and Mark Ballantyne were selected to serve the three, two-year terms and Brother Dayn Cederstrom would serve out the remaining one year term left by the resignation of Brother Howard Parker.

The nominations for the Evangelism Council were Brothers Lyle Smith, Allen Howen, John Mundy and Larry Clark. The existing council members are Brothers Dan Norman and Ray Wheeler (both with one year left). Brothers Lyle Smith and John Mundy were elected. It was noted that Brother Dale Stafford had been elected by ARM to be their representative to serve on the Evangelism Council.

The nominations for the Women's Council were Sisters Darcy Brotherton, Kay Williams, and Gayle Fleming. All three were supported by vote for a two-year term. It was noted by Sister Peggy Fleming that Sister Pat Chadwick had served many years on the council and had been a great asset to the group. She will be sorely missed.

Nominations for the Publications Council were Brothers Jim Daugherty, Patrick Baggette, Hugh Caldwell, Paul Gage, and Russ Reid along with Sisters Barbara Ruggles and Rebecca Bowen. All were approved. Within the council they will determine who will have the two-year and one-year terms.

Sister Helen Brotherton was nominated for the Education Council. She was approved but since there was only one nomination the Council won't be active until there are at least two more people selected to fill the necessary minimum slots.

Brothers Robert Thompson and Tom Carnahan were approved to be on the Stewardship Council and the same thing will apply for this council. They will need one more person to work with them to meet the minimum of three people per council.

Elected to the Youth Council were Ron and Julie Gage and Patrick Akello (from Kenya). Again, they will need additional help to fill the council before it can become active.

The following names were nominated and elected to the Aaronic Council: Brothers Justin Park, Lonnie Griffin, Stuart Gage, Paul Marsh, Matt Dudley, Larry Ellis, and Joshua Whenham.

The Elder's council will be filled through the quorum's. The corporate officers were selected to be Brother Richard Neill, President, Brother Aaron Smith, Secretary and Brother Michael Stephenson, Treasurer with no one else being nominated.

The Chair then described what business the body still had before it and gave a short description and suggested that Friday we end the morning worship at 8:45 and begin business at 9 AM instead of the scheduled 10AM.

Brother Brotherton asked the chair about the timeliness of having a committee write a letter and report back to the conference tomorrow as was indicated in the quorum's resolutions. Brother Gary Moreland moved that the committee be given the authority to write the letter and have the Coordinating Council review it and send it out without it coming back before the body. Brother Levensgood seconded. After some debate the motion failed.

Brother Brotherton then moved that the chair "move forward in naming the committee (of seven) in this business session (to complete the task of merging the three resolutions and writing the letter for the bodies approval). Brother Bird seconded the

motion. After a brief discussion the vote to proceed by allowing the chairman to select the committee was passed. The Chair then selected the following seven men to serve on this committee and report back to Friday's business session. The men were: Brothers Gerry Bird, Robert Whenham, Dan Brotherton, Mark Ballantyne, Pete Hughes, Dale Carrick and Robert Taylor.

The Chair then asked for a closing prayer and the business session was closed noting that our new meeting time in the morning will be 9 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Aaron Smith,
Secretary

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

-Lost and Found will be at the registration area in the Gym. If you find anything that is not yours please turn it in to one of the workers at that area. WE HAVE A BOOK LIGHT AND A SET OF SCRIPTURES WITH NO NAME!

ONE FINAL DAILY TIDINGS WILL BE PRODUCED FOR FRIDAY'S EVENTS. IT WILL BE POSTED ON THE CRE WEB-SITE NEXT WEEK. PLEASE CHECK BACK BY WEDNESDAY TO VIEW THE LAST DAILY TIDINGS.

-If you've had any experiences with the Lord this week please take the time to write them down and give them to someone on the Publications council. They would like to consider them for a future issue of the Tidings of Zion. Thank you.