

"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

Tuesday, April 7, 2009

These are the additional Melchisedec members approved by the Credentials Committee on Monday, April 6, 2009.

Credential Committee Approves the Following Elders

Glyn Carpenter
James Crane
Eric English
Ammon (Ed) Essig
Mark Etter
Russell Fishel
Roger Graybill
Richard Hensley
Burke Holt
Ron Lidberg
Dennis Moreland

Gary Moreland
Leonard Smith
Lyle Smith
Approved AM

Mark Ballantyne
Gerald Bird
Robert Bird
Tom Carnahan
James Chock

Jack DeLany
Danny Hight
Harley Martens
James McKiddie
Wray Moreland
Michael Sanders
Bob Schrunk
Frank VanFleet
Glenn Vaughn
Approved PM

Conference Statistics:

Total Registered Elders as of Monday evening, April 6, 2009: 84. Total registered non-Melchisedec: 36.

Minutes of the business session for April 6, 2009, 10AM.

Richard Neill opened the session by having the gathered group sing "Redeemer of Israel" and Russ Reid offered the opening prayer. Richard then spoke about the dual significance of the time of the year and especially the day (April 6) that we were there (organization of the church and the final week of Christ's earthly ministry before his death and resurrection).

Brother Neill then opened the business session formally and drew attention to the schedule on 1-3. The chair invited the Credentials Committee to bring their report. Brother Andy O'Neil moved that we accept the 56 names as printed in the Daily Tidings (Monday edition) and also 14 others that Secretary Aaron Smith read from the rostrum. They are: Glyn Carpenter, James Crane, Eric English, Ammon (Ed) Essig, Mark Etter, Russell Fishel, Roger Graybill, Richard Hensley, Burke Holt, Ron Lidberg, Dennis Moreland, Gary Moreland, Leonard Smith and Lyle Smith. Brother Russ Reid seconded the motion. The chair described the process of appeals or challenges. The vote was taken and passed unanimously.

Brother Neill then asked for the credentialed / seated elders to move into the center section so as clarify voting, etc.

The chair then asked someone from the Coordinating Council to take charge of the business meeting to sustain the chair for the conference. Brother Howard Parker asked the body to sustain brother Neill as the chairman and the vote to sustain passed. Brother Neill then resumed the chair and asked for a vote to sustain Brother Smith as the secretary for the conference. The vote to sustain passed.

The chair then described the conference agenda for the week and the times the body would be meeting in business sessions. Brother Dan Brotherton moved to accept the conference agenda and Brother Jim Crane seconded. The motion carried unanimously without discussion.

Skip Robison then moved to accept the treasurer's report and Brother Jim Crane seconded. Brother Brian Mundy, conference treasurer, came forward and presented an overview of the budget. He thanked Barbara Dutton for all of her hard work throughout the previous year in helping with the job.

Brother Mundy noted first, that the accounting for last year's conference had one changed that needed to be addressed. There was a \$3,666.00 that was incorrectly charged to the CRE through a local printing company for the JCRB conference. This would explain the unusually high cost in the printing category for last year's weekly budget. The JCRB will rectify this. He then went on to explain the overall picture that giving was down 50% and expenses were basically flat over the year. We currently have \$2,900 in the general fund. Brother Mundy then continued to explain the situation and pressing financial issues that face the conference and proposed that, as a conference, we consider answering some basic questions about the future of the conference and the direction of the financial stability for the future.

His report was followed by a series of questions and clarifications, including Brother Bill Barrett who pointed out that on page 2-7, the "144%" should really be something different. It was determined that it should read "48%". Brother Vim Horn also suggested that Brother Mundy provide a line-item expense and income list for the general fund since all the other categories had one and include it in the Daily Tidings.

The chair then pointed out the appropriate time to deal with these issues will be during the Wednesday business session when the conference takes up the budget. The chair then took the vote to accept the report, noting that it is unaudited, and the vote passed. An audit will be forthcoming in the future.

Brother Neill then opened up the floor to accept all the other conference reports. Brother Darrell Webster moved and Brother Clyde Noren seconded. The chair then asked each council to provide a statement regarding their written report. Sister Sylvia Powell spoke on behalf of the women's council. Brother Howard Parker spoke on behalf of the Coordinating Council. There was no one present to present on behalf of the Youth council or the Evangelism council and no reports were submitted from either council.

Brother Brotherton then spoke on SEAAM's behalf. Brother Barrett and Doug Smith spoke for ARM. The secretary noted that Elder Eric Odida provided the written report from Kenya (his name had been inadvertently left off the report in the notebook).

Brother Mark Ballantyne spoke on behalf of LAMB summarizing the last year's efforts. Finally Brother Paul Gage spoke about the work and duties of the Publications council. Brother Mundy asked if there had been any effort to go through and update the Tidings mailing list to save money on returned magazines. Brother Gage answered no. Secretary Smith suggested that the new Publications Council work with the branches to coordinate an effort with the secretary to update the list as a cost-saving measure.

Brother John Mundy then presented information regarding GEM (German/Europe Mission) and their recent decision to withdraw from the Joint Conference of Branches. This means they are currently an independent missionary board. The chair accepted Brother Mundy's statement as information, but it would not be voted upon (to accept it as a report) because GEM was not formally under the guidance of the CRE. Brother Neill then asked the body to receive the reports and the vote to receive passed.

Brother Reid then moved a motion to accept the weekly budget and Brother Brotherton seconded it. Secretary Smith explained some of the differences between last years and this year's weekly budget. The vote to accept was passed unanimously.

Brother Horn then moved that instead of breaking up into multiple quorums for the afternoon sessions that we meet as one quorum. Brother Bruce Levensgood seconded. Vim spoke in favor of the motion. Brother Brotherton then offered an amendment that we would break into three quorums. Brother Bob Immer seconded. Brother Brotherton then explained that the smaller settings would be easier to accommodate in the rooms available and also that the CCE wanted the men to feel comfortable to share in smaller settings.

Brother Andy O'Neil then offered a second amendment to the amendment suggesting that we meet in three quorums at 1:30 instead of 3:30. Brother Reid seconded. After a brief discussion involving time frame the amendment to the amendment failed. The vote was then taken on the original amendment to form three quorums and it carried.

The chair then divided the elders in the body present into the three quorums which were to be led by the following men at the specific locations: Quorum #1, led by Bob Immer was to meet in the Music Room (MZ-1), Quorum #2, led by Brother Don Norman will convene in the faculty lounge downstairs and Quorum #3, led by Doug Smith will meet in MZ-2 (Home Ec. Rm.).

The chair concluded the business session by asking for a prayer of benediction and blessing on the lunch from Brother Don Norman.

Respectfully Submitted,

Aaron Smith,
Secretary

CORRECTION TO THE NOTEBOOK:

Page 3-1 lists the current Evangelism Council. Please update the list with the following corrections: DELETE – Bill Barrett, Ben Pederson, Skip Robison. ADD: ARM – Dale Stafford, LAMB – Pete Hughes, SEAAM-Roger Graybill. Also add Ray Wheeler and Kreg Levensgood as members of the council with Tyler Crowell and Dan Norman.

Wednesday Schedule of Events:

8-9:30 AM – Prayer service (all invited) in the sanctuary (Darrell Webster presiding – Kirtland, Ohio)

10:00-noon – Class for Elders by Mark Ballantyne (South Crysler)

1:30-3:30 – Business Session in sanctuary (Budget)

3:30 – Women's class in the sanctuary on Obedience

6:30 – Hymn Sing

7:00 – Preaching service w/ Elder Bruce Levensgood (Dover, Ohio) – Bob Immer -Presiding

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

-PANCAKE DINNER @ Living Hope (just south of Chrysler and 23rd St.) from 4-7pm Tuesday, April 7 sponsored by the Lexington Restoration branch YOUTH. The cost is \$5 per person and anyone under 10 is FREE!

-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.

NEW TIME:-OPEN HOUSE: @ the Conference office on Wednesday, April 8, 2009 from **12:00-1:30**. Come and see the office and also what kind of materials are available to assist you and your congregation or study group in your service to the Lord. The house is located directly east of the playground in the east parking lot of the school.

-Refreshments will occur after each evening service in the Gym. This is a wonderful time to fellowship with the saints. Please plan on staying and enjoying the extra time together.

-The cost of the lunches is \$3.00 per person per meal. Payment will be made at the time of the meal. Lunches are served in the Sorenson room from noon to 1:30 daily, Monday through Thursday.

PLEASE PASS THE WORD

Encourage your friends and family to come and be blessed at our evening worship services.

These are great opportunities for us to come together as saints and worship in a larger cooperative setting. These chances DO NOT come along that often so plan on being there every evening through Thursday night.