

"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

Wednesday, April 8, 2009

These are the additional Melchisedec members approved by the Credentials Committee on Tuesday, April 7, 2009.

Credential Committee Approves the Following Elders

Dale Bainter
Gordon Burns
John Eichhorn
Arthur Hawley
Steve Kropp
Dan Norman
Eric Odida
Tom Okeyo
Royl Roden
Jared Smith
Art Soldner

Conference Statistics:

Total Registered Elders as of Tuesday evening, April 7, 2009: 95. Total registered non-Melchisedec: 50.

Minutes of the business session for April 7, 2009, 1:30 PM.

Session was opened with the singing of "Unto God..." and an opening prayer by Brother Mike Sanders. The chair asked if the body would also consider the name of Skip Robison. He had registered 3 months prior but due to an oversight, his paperwork had never made it through the credentials committee.

Brother Andy O'Neil moved to approve the list as it was printed in the Daily Tidings from April 6 with Skip Robison as the sole addition. The motion carried unanimously.

Dayn Cederstom moved to consider the minutes as printed in the Daily Tidings from Monday, April 6. Robert Whenham seconded the motion. Brother Bill Barrett brought up the total number of elders credentialed and it should read 84 and not 74. Jack DeLany asked for his name to be spelled correctly. The motion carried with those modifications.

The chair asked for quorum reports.

Quorum #1 (Dale Carrick, secretary) reported that Bob Immer was selected as their chairman, Jim Daugherty as the vice-chairman and that Roger Graybill, Clyde Noren and Ray Wheeler had been selected to be on the Elders Council. Brother Carrick reported that

the quorum had considered a motion by Brother Mike Sanders and would like to bring it to the floor when appropriate. Brother Sanders explained the content of the motion.

Quorum #2 (Robert Whenham, secretary) reported that they had selected Don Norman to preside with Gary Moreland, Russ Reid, John Mundy and Darrell Webster serving on the Elders Council. They took up the resolution from the Coordinating Council and then expressed their desires for what they wanted for this conference.

Quorum #3 (Vim Horn reporting) reported that Vim Horn and Doug Smith had been selected as co-chairs with Hugh Caldwell as the secretary and Glyn Carpenter, Wray Moreland and Pete Hughes serving on the Elders Council.

In light of Quorum 1's report, the chair asked for a motion to change the order of business. Brother Vim Horn asked for a copy of Quorum 1's motion to be handed out to the body. This was done. Brother Mike Sanders moved to postpone Coordinating Council resolution and budget until later in the conference so the resolution from Quorum 1 could be considered. Brother Allen Howen seconded.

Brother Sanders spoke for the motion, indicating that it was imperative that the body deal with the pressing issues that face the conference, i.e. budget and direction.

After some discussion the vote carried to change the order of business.

Brother Sanders then moved the following motion,

"Whereas, the Lord has commanded that the elders are to "meet in conference...to do whatever church business is necessary...: (Section 17:13) and;

"Whereas, the elders are "to assemble together to agree upon my word...to govern my church...ye shall see that my law is kept...to be answered upon your souls in the day of judgment." (Section 41:1-3) and;

"Whereas, the elders when "...assembled together...shall instruct and edify each other, that ye may know how to act and direct my church how to act upon the points of my law and commandments, which I have given; and thus ye shall become instructed in the law of my church, and be sanctified by that which ye have received, and ye shall bind yourselves to act in all holiness before me, that inasmuch as ye do this, glory shall be added to the kingdom which ye have received." (Section 43:3) and;

"Whereas, the elders as members of the Melchizedek Priesthood are numbered among the "spiritual authorities" of the church and "hold the keys of all the spiritual blessings of the church..." (Section 104:9-11), and;

"Whereas, the law of God sets forth the duties of elders and extends a prominent place in the assemblies of the Lord to perform a goodly work, and;

"Whereas, there are many other lawful helps that elders conferences can provide for the strength of the body, and;

"Whereas, the demands of the work press upon us as the return of the Lord draws nigh, and he will certainly require much at our hands concerning the welfare and condition of the church, and;

"Whereas, the elders need to arise in the strength of their calling and provide wisdom, counsel, and instruction to the people of God in this dark and cloudy day, to gather up in store and prepare against the day of wrath which is to come, and;

"Whereas, the elders need to repent before the Lord for largely forsaking their high callings, and allowing the condition of the church to spiritually deteriorate under our watch-care, and;

"Whereas, the Lord is of tender mercy and quick to forgive, if those who are placed at the head would humble themselves before God, and recommence in the work that has been set before us, and;

“Whereas, it is the desire of the elders assembled to restore this conference as an instrument of blessing to the several branches of the church at large-, and; Therefore, Be It Resolved,

That a committee of seven be formed from among the elder’s quorums, by each quorum selecting the names of two men to serve on said committee with the conference treasurer comprising the seventh member.

The purpose of this committee is to identify the form, function, rights, and limits of “elder’s conferences” as set forth in the law of God and make needful recommendations to this conference concerning the current organization.

Secondly, that the committee make recommendations as to how future “elders conferences” can regain their spiritual standing and respect among the saints as envisioned in the law of God – to provide wisdom, direction, and blessing to the saints of the most high scattered abroad.

Thirdly, to identify ways to build up the land of Zion and to place the saints on a more sure foundation for the promulgation of the gospel and building up the cause of Zion.

And that this committee report back to this conference on its findings with any recommendations for assembled elders to consider action upon.”

Brother Howen seconded the motion. Brother Sanders then spoke in favor of the motion. Several more spoke in opposition and in favor. Brother Whenham then amended the resolution to replace the word “this” in the last paragraph with “2010”. This amendment was seconded by Larry Clark. After some discussion Brother Brian Mundy moved a substitute motion, which said,

“That we suspend all business until this conference identifies the form, function, rights, limits and existence of future elder’s conferences.”

Paul Gage seconded the motion. Brother Mundy and Brother Russ Reid spoke in favor and Brother Sanders opposed the substitute motion. After some questions and points were made, Brother Vim Horn moved an amendment to strike the “and existence of future” from the substitute motion.

Brother Brotherton asked how many amendments can be on the floor at the same time. The chair ruled that the substitute motion, although a “form” of an amendment can be amended and then asked the body if there was an objection to consideration of the amendment to the substitute. There was none. Brother Neill then asked the body if they were willing to allow an amendment to the substitute and the vote was in favor of this action.

The current motion (through Vim’s restatement) was,

“That we suspend all business until this conference identifies the form, function, rights, and limits, of elders conferences and that we meet in quorums for the remainder of today’s business”

Brother Russ Reid seconded Brother Horn’s amendment. After some discussion Brother Gary Moreland moved all the questions before the body and Brother Glenn Vaughn seconded. The chair asked the body if they were ready to vote and it carried unanimously.

The vote on brother Horn’s amendment failed. The vote was then taken on the substitute motion proposed by Brother Brian Mundy and it failed. The vote was then taken on Brother Whenham’s amendment to the original motion and it failed. The main motion vote was then taken and after a division of the house passed 24 in favor and 13 against.

Brother Brotherton then moved the motion from the Evangelism Council on page 3-7. The chair then asked the body if they wanted to go into quorums to deal with the previous resolution just passed by the body or to take up the Evangelism Council resolution. The vote to move immediately into quorums failed.

Brother Mark Ballantyne seconded the motion. As chairman of the Evangelism Council, Brother Ray Wheeler spoke in favor of the motion.

Brother Mike Sanders then moved a substitute motion (below) and Brother Glyn Carpenter seconded it. The motion states,

“Whereas, the JCRB has set apart Presidents of Seventy and ordained other Seventy, and;

“Whereas, the JCRB has declared themselves to be the General Conference representing the whole church, and;

“Whereas, the JCRB represents a small faction of the church of Jesus Christ scattered abroad, and;

“Whereas, the last CRE conference passed an olive leaf resolution declaring our desire not to “disassociate” from our brethren – pending the decisions made at their last conference, and;

“Whereas, the CRE has not communicated clearly to the saints abroad, nor to the JCRB concerning their actions, and;

“Whereas, the actions of the JCRB has caused division and strife among the saints, and;

“Whereas, the ordinations to the office of Seventy has caused a great deal of confusion among the various missionary boards as to how to deal with these men, and;

“Whereas, the CRE credential guidelines recognize priesthood calls limited to the offices of elder, priest, teacher and deacon, and;

“Whereas, the CRE has given an “uncertain sound” to the saints with regard to the actions taken by the JCRB at their last conference, and;

“Whereas, this has led to further confusion, doubt, and mistrust among the saints who have disapproved of JCRB actions, and;

“Whereas, there are men who once publically advocated JCRB proposals, who have not publically renounced the same or repented for leading the saints astray, and;
Therefore, Be It Resolved,

First, that this conference send forth a “word of consolation” to the scattered saints that clearly communicates that this conference does not approve of JCRB actions - those actions being highly irregular and unlawful for a conference of a local character.

Secondly, that it communicates to the faithful saints everywhere concerning the CRE commitment to take every lawful means which will build trust, unity, and a spirit of cooperation among the restoration branches.

Thirdly, that the elders and missionary boards under the authority of this conference discontinue to work with the JCRB Seventy or their representatives in missionary fields until they deny their new callings and repent before the body and until they renounce claims of being the General Conference of this church.”

Discussion ensued. Brother Bob Immer made an amendment which replaced the words in the final paragraph from “deny their new callings” to “renounce their ordinations”. A question was asked whether the conference had the right to tell the missionary boards what to do and the chair explained the nature of each board and their status with the CRE.

Brother Brotherton seconded the amendment and spoke in favor of it. The vote was taken and the amendment passed.

Discussion ensued with several in favor and several opposed to the amendment. Brother Jim Daugherty moved that we table the motion and Brother Darrell Webster seconded the motion. The motion to table passed 26-13.

The chair then asked that the body would move into their quorums and consider the motion that did pass and what it asked of the quorums (to select two people from each to serve on the committee). The brothers then moved into their respective quorums.

Respectfully Submitted,

Aaron Smith,
Secretary

CORRECTION TO THE NOTEBOOK:

Please replace pages 2-6, 2-7 and 2-8 with the sheets provided. Please also add to the notebook, sheet 2-13, which is an itemized list for the general fund that was requested from the floor during Monday's business session plus a reconciliation statement.

Thursday's Schedule of Events:

8-9:30 AM – Prayer service (all invited) in the sanctuary (Gary Moreland presiding)

10:00-noon – Class for Elders by Dan Brotherton (South Chrysler)

1:30-3:30 – Business Session in sanctuary (Election of officers)

3:30-4:30 – Quorum meetings for elders

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

6:30 – Hymn Sing

7:00 – Preaching service w/ Elder Steve Kropp (Wellington) – Don Norman –Presiding

Youth Night after the service at LIVING HOPE

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.

NEW TIME:-OPEN HOUSE: @ the Conference office **TODAY** 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.

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.