

SECTION 5 – Conference of Restoration Elders 2017 Business Minutes

CRE Minutes for Monday, June 26, 2017

Opening hymn was 81, *Jesus Calls Us Or The Tumult*. Brother Ray Lane offered the invocation. The Conference was called to order by Elder Vim Horn at 1:30 pm. The first order of business was to organize the conference. The chair recognized Brother Brian Mundy, chairman of the Credentials Committee. Brother Mundy moved that the following names be approved to be credentialed and seated in the conference:

John Mundy	Gary Piatt	Russell Howard	Dave Brooks
Elzy Lasley	Ray Dodds	Larry Clark	Joseph A. Burkart II
Russell Reid	Jim Hobbs	Bill Barrett	Richard Neill
Leo Carroll	Jack Hagensen	David Joyce	James Loumiet
Bill Parker	Ray Lane	Frank Dippel	Jason Hamilton
Robert Miller	Terrance Griffin	Vim Horn	Alan G. Ronk
Gerald Bird	Joe Hale	Paul Gage	Gary Hawley
Robert Immer	Brian Mundy	Francis Harper Jr	Kevin Humphry

The next order of business was to elect the leadership of the Conference for the week. Brother Horn relinquished the chair to Brother Joe Burkart. Brother Burkart asked for nominations for Conference Chairman. Brother Vim Horn was nominated. No other nominations were received. Brother Horn was elected. Brother Horn reassumed the chair and asked for nominations for Conference Secretary. Brother David Joyce was nominated. No other nominations were received. Brother Joyce was elected.

Next order of business was approval of the Conference agenda in Section 1, pages 1-2 and 1-3. Brother Horn asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Brother Garry Piatt so moved, a second was received, the motion carried.

Brother Horn referred the body to the Conference Reports in Section 4, pages 4-2 thru 4-11) from the Conference councils and missionary boards. Verbal reports to the Conference were received from:

- Coordinating Council – Joe Burkart
- Domestic Outreach – Paul Gage
- Publication Council – Paul Gage
- Women’s Council – Vim Horn
- Aaronic Council – Lonnie Griffin
- Evangelism Council – Richard Neill
- SEAAM – Paul Gage, Richard Neill, & Francis Harper

Since representatives from ARM, GEM and LAMB were unavailable at the time, Brother Horn indicated that they would have an opportunity to share later. Brother Horn called for consideration, the 2017 Reunion/Conference Budget found in Section 2, page 2-3. Brother Ray Lane, Conference treasurer, moved to accept the budget as printed. A

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second was received. Brother Lane explained why there was a slight increase in the budget. There was no further discussion. The motion carried.

Brother Lane was recognized to give the treasurer's report. Brother Lane referred the body to Section 2, pages 2-3 thru 2-10. He moved that the Conference Operating and Missionary Board financial reports be accepted as printed, a second was received. Brother Lane briefly commented on the Conference operating financial reports, and noted that the column on the far right in each of the reports, (FY 2018 Budgets) would be considered at a later time. Representatives from the respective Missionary Boards were asked if they wanted to comment on their financial reports. Representatives for SEAAM declined. Since representatives from ARM, GEM and LAMB were unavailable at the time, Brother Horn indicated that they would have an opportunity to share later.

Business for the day was concluded. Brother Horn recommended that the body proceed with moving into quorums for the afternoon. He further recommended, without objection, due to the size of the body, that the body meet as one Quorum. There was no objection. The business session was adjourned at 2:45 pm until Tuesday. The Quorum meeting began.

Respectively submitted, Secretary David Joyce

AARONIC COUNCIL REPORT

This year has been a busy one for our council in the fact that we have been working shorthanded. Current members are Stephen Henson, Lonnie Griffin and Kenneth Prater. One of our members was ordained to Elder and another has a new job which prevents him from serving. Our goal this year has been to continue to exhort as many of the Aaronic Priesthood as possible to be actively engaged in getting into the homes of their congregations members to preach teach and exhort them to pray as a family and in private and to attend to all family duties as outlined by the commandments of the LORD. We have had some success in this but as you well know it is a never ending labor. Seldom is one visit enough and many have taken over two years of visiting to get to the root of their needs. Our prayer is that we will be able to get into the home of every member who will allow us in. We have had assistance from some of the Elders in this endeavor as well as turning some of our member's spouses who are not members over to the Melchisedec Priesthood for cottage meetings. It has been a labor of love and I commend my brethren on the council for their commitment to this work. As children of GOD we all need his saving grace and only through love of CHRIST and of each other can this be accomplished. I continually pray that we will not pass anyone by but will have the discernment and the courage to take advantage of those opportunities that the LORD puts in our path on a daily basis. As Priests given authority by CHRIST there is no job more needful than to be actively engaged in this work. Our scattered condition may make it a little harder but we humbly submit to the task set before us and the example of our LORD and savior in his ministry while here on earth and eagerly await his return.

Love in CHRIST the CRE Aaronic Council

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Opening Hymn #81 *Jesus Calls Us* (with an emphasis on paying close attention to the words), was sung and Brother Terry Griffin opened the session with prayer.

Opportunity to continue quorum level discussion was afforded the group by Brother Vim Horn prior to the Conference being called to order.

That quorum session discussion focused on:

- Whether there should be any re-structuring of the Conference for next and the coming years.
- Domestic outreach possibly coming under direction of evangelism council
- Outreach to various faction groups

Brother Horn officially called the Conference meeting to order at 3:50pm. The first order of business was the approval of the updated Credential Committee report as presented by committee chairman Brian Mundy. A motion to approve and accept the following names to be seated was made, seconded and approved:

Lyle Smith, Vaughn Cornish, Manuel Castillo, Juan Reyes, and Dale Carrick.

The next order of business was to approve the minutes of Monday's session. With one correction, the correct spelling of Brother Garry Piatts name, and without objection, Brother Horn declared the minutes of 6/26/17 meeting approved as printed.

Brother Horn called for any new business that was to be introduced as a result of quorum action. The following motions were presented for consideration:

Motion 1: That the Domestic Outreach Program come under the direction of the Evangelism Council, and that they be directed to reach out to every branch and group in the United States and Canada, offering ministry before the next conference.

Motion 2: That the CRE form a committee to work in conjunction with the POZ to reach out to those who have left the Community of Christ or the other various faction groups.

The floor was opened by Brother Horn for nominations for the various conference officers and Council members. (Section 4-page 3)

The following nominations were received:

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2017-2018 Conference Leadership Election Nomination Form

Conference Officers

Chairman: Vim Horn 1yr
 Secretary: David Joyce 1yr
 Treasurer: Ray Lane 1yr
 Historian: Danny Hight 1yr

Conference Corporate Officers

President: Vim Horn 1yr
 Secretary: David Joyce 1yr
 Treasurer: Ray Lane 1yr

Conference Councils

Coordinating Council

1 Jack Hagensen 1yr
 2 Richard Neill 1yr
 3 Don Norman 1yr
 4 Howard Parker 1yr
 5 Garry Piatt 2yr
 6 Joe Burkart 2yr
 7 Brian Mundy 2yr
 8 John Mundy 2yr

Publications Council

1 Rebecca Griffin 1yr
 2 Janet Huntsucker 1yr
 3 Pam Neidboldt 1yr
 4 Jacob Roberts 1yr
 5 Paul Gage 2yr
 6 Jason Hamilton 2yr
 7 _____ 2yr
 8 _____ 2yr

Evangelism Council

1 Dale Bainter 1yr
 2 John Mundy 1yr
 3 Russell Reid 1yr
 4 Lyle Smith 2yr
 Leo Carroll 2yr
 5 ARM Representative
 6 LAMB Representative
 7 SEAAM Representative
 8 GEM Representative

Women's Council

1 Suzanne Bendorf 1yr
 2 Deana Griffin 1yr
 3 Mary Prater 1yr
 4 _____ 2yr
 5 _____ 2yr
 6 _____ 2yr
 7 _____ 2yr

Education Council

1 Cynthia DeBarthe 1yr
 2 Brenda Eggert 1yr
 3 Tracy Levengood 1yr
 4 Lonnie Wilson 1yr
 5 _____ 2yr
 6 _____ 2yr
 7 _____ 2yr
 8 _____ 2yr

Youth Council

1 Connie Hale 1yr
 2 Joe Hale 1yr
 3 Chris Henson 1yr
 4 Todd Henson 1yr
 5 _____ 2yr
 6 _____ 2yr
 7 _____ 2yr
 8 _____ 2yr

Aaronic Council

1 Aaron Dillon 1yr
 2 Ray Dillion 1yr
 3 James Friend 1yr
 4 Lonnie Griffin 1yr
 5 Ken Prater 1yr
 6 Aaron Saylor 1yr
 7 Tim Saylor 1yr
 Wilbur Wilson
 Stephen Henson

Stewardship Council

1 Leo Carroll 1yr
 2 Dale Carrick 1yr
 3 Vaughn Cornish 1yr
 4 Terry Griffin 1yr
 5 Elzy Lasley 1yr
 6 Tom Rindels 1yr
 7 _____ 2yr

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Brother Horn closed nominations but shared with the body that, without objection, there would be opportunity for further nominations prior to the elections for those councils that had not received enough nominations to fill the council.

Following nominations, there was then an opportunity for representatives of LAMB (Juan Reyes), ARM(Brian Mundy) and GEM (John Mundy) to share their reports that were postponed from the previous day.

Brother Horn called up for consideration the FY 2018 conference budget. As consideration of the budget began, Brother Brian Mundy moved that there be a change to the order of the conference agenda to consider Motion 1 prior to consideration of the budget. The motion received a 2nd, and was approved.

Brother Brian Mundy moved for acceptance of Motion 1 as printed below, a 2nd was received, and the matter came to the floor.

Motion 1: That the Domestic Outreach Program come under the direction of the Evangelism Council, and that they be directed to reach out to every branch and group in the United States and Canada, offering ministry before the next conference.

Due to time constraints and the length of discussion, which focused on both the administrative aspect and the expectant outcome of the motion, without objection, Brother Horn tabled the matter until the next business session. Brother Horn invited the brethren to use this time to give prayerful consideration on the matter. Without objection, Brother Horn adjourned the meeting at 5:10pm until Wednesday.

A closing prayer was given by David Brooks.

Respectfully submitted, Secretary David Joyce

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CRE Minutes for Wednesday June 28, 2017

Opening Hymn # 77 *Jesus Is Calling* was sung and the opening prayer was given by Brother Paul Gage.

The Conference session was called to order at 3:10 pm by Brother Vim Horn, Chair.

Brother Horn recognized Credential Committee Chair Brian Mundy who made motion to seat Elder Danny Hight. The motion was 2nd and passed.

Brother Horn presented the minutes of Tuesday's session for review and were entered into the record as printed. they were approved without objection.

Brother Horn called the body to continue consideration of Motion 1, regarding the Domestic Outreach Program, which had been tabled the previous day. The motion was re-read and discussion ensued.

Brother Richard Neill presented a substitute motion which was 2nd by Brother Brian Mundy.

Motion on Domestic Outreach

Whereas there is a need for some guidance for the Domestic Outreach plan of the CRE;
Be it resolved,

Until the CRE Conference of 2018, the Domestic Outreach Committee come under the Coordinating Council with these objectives in the coming year;

1) By September 1, 2017, a meeting be held, presided over by the Coordinating Council, consisting of the Chairman of the Conference, the Coordinating Council, the Evangelism Council, and the Domestic Outreach Committee. The purpose of this meeting is to plan an effort to have two men from the above set of men be assigned to schedule and travel to domestic areas that have a concentration of branches and/or members by May 1, next year. If at all possible, it is advisable to have the Conference Chairman or a member of the Coordinating Council be one of those two men.

2) After determining who the two men are to go to these areas, contact would be made with the leadership of the outlying area. From this contact and working with the Regional leaders a time would be set for the following purposes;

A. A Regional Leadership gathering be set up. In this gathering the Regional leaders will share what ministry is taking place, what needs they have, and how the CRE can be of help.

B. The two men representing the CRE can dialogue on what the CRE is doing, what resources the CRE has, and after listening to the Regional leaders, make suggestions as to the support that can be given. Discussion would include evangelism support. Other areas of support could include priesthood training, women's ministry, men's ministry, and youth ministry. This may include topical subjects such as stewardship, church history, Book of Mormon studies, etc., based on the needs or interests of the outlying areas.

Some outlying Regional areas would include, but not be limited to;

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- A. Northwest USA and Western Canada
- B. Southwest USA
- C. Iowa, Missouri (excluding Jackson County)
- D. Michigan - Canada
- E. Ohio - West Virginia - Western PA
- F. Florida, Southern USA
- G. Maine, Northeast USA

4) The Regional reports will be brought to the May, 2018 Coordinating Council meeting for review and making recommendations to the 2018 Conference.

5) The 2018 Conference will determine;

A. Whether Domestic Outreach should come under the Coordinating Council, the Evangelism Council, or be it's own Council.

B. The CRE, working with Regional leaders and Branches develop a plan to strengthen the domestic Branches, the members, and taking the gospel into these locations.

* The two traveling men should, if at all possible, allow for some time to minister in these areas if requested by the Regional Branches.

The floor was opened for discussion and the following clarification regarding the intent of the motion in regards to the assignment of “two men” was given. Brother Neill stated that the men who would be responsible for travel and dialog within the various regions of the country did not have to consistently be the “same two men” every time and everywhere. Financial ramifications for travel and visits was also discussed briefly focusing on funds currently available in the Domestic Outreach Fund, consideration of additional income sources through the budget, and some degree of personal fund raising.

Additional discussion pointed out that many efforts were being made regarding Domestic Outreach by groups and/or branches that have association with the CRE, as well as the actual Domestic Outreach Program within the CRE. The statement was emphasized by the body that all of the efforts made to date and the ongoing efforts in this line have been greatly appreciated.

Following this discussion and clarification, the substitute motion was voted on and passed unanimously as printed above.

Brother Horn next presented for consideration the nominations and election of Officers and Leaders to fill the various councils. Prior to voting, the following two items were addressed:

1. The Aaronic Council would be expanded to nine (9) members for this year as there was no set maximum mandated and there was sufficient interest in serving by the nominees.

2. The floor was opened to allow for further nominations for the councils that did not have enough nominees to fill the vacancies in the council. There was two additional nominations received. Angie Goff for the Women’s Council and Christy Schrunk for the Publication Council.

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Ballots were distributed and members of the conference voted. The results of the election are as follows: (The names underlined in the table below were elected this conference)

2017-2018 Conference Leadership and Council Members	
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<p>Coordinating Council</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Jack Hagensen 2 Richard Neill 3 Don Norman 4 Howard Parker 5 <u>Garry Piatt</u> 6 <u>Brian Mundy</u> 7 <u>John Mundy</u> 	<p>Publications Council</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Rebecca Griffin 2 Janet Huntsucker 3 Pam Neidboldt 4 Jacob Roberts 5 <u>Paul Gage</u> 6 <u>Jason Hamilton</u> 7 <u>Christy Schrunk</u>
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<p>*Names underlined were elected this conference year</p>	

As a result of the vote, the following two resignations and changes were made: John Mundy, by virtue of being elected to serve on a second council (Coordinating Council), respectfully resigned his position on the Evangelism Council. Subsequently, Brother Leo Carroll was elected to fill the position on the Evangelism Council and similarly resigned his position on the Stewardship Council.

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Next Brother Horn recognized Brother Ray Lane, Treasurer, who Moved the approval of the FY 2018 CRE Operating Budget as printed in Section 2, p.4, 5 right hand column of the conference notebook. A 2nd was received and discussion ensued. Brother Brian Mundy offered a motion to amend the budget by adding a line item for Domestic Outreach (\$9000) in both the income and expense columns. That motion for amendment was seconded and passed.

Brother Ray Dodds moved to amend the budget by adding \$3000 to the CRE General Income line item, and \$3000 to the Rent expense line item to help in the event that the CRE offices may need to be relocated in the coming year. The amendment was 2nd and approved. Brother Horn called for the vote on the amended budget totaling \$61,700. The motion passed as amended.

Brother Horn recognized representatives from LAMB, ARM, GEM, and SEAAM to speak to their respective budgets as found printed in Section 2 pp. 7-10. The conference showed support of each one of these budgets with a unanimous show of hands for each.

The next item of business was the transfer of property and funds associated with the Joseph Smith III/ Israel A. Smith home on W. Short St. from the CRE to the Smith Historical Society. Brother Horn recognized Brother Leo Carrol who moved that the CRE transfer the JS III property, and after any expenses, all remaining funds in the Joseph Smith III conference fund, to the Joseph Smith III Historical Society. The motion received a 2nd and carried unanimously. Brother Richard Neill expressed thanks for the support and stewardship of the properties while the Society developed its 501 C3 and other matters pertaining to securing the property.

Brother Horn recognized Brother Brian Mundy who moved Motion 2 as presented by the conference quorum. The motion was as follows:

Motion 2: That the CRE form a committee to work in conjunction with the POZ to reach out to those who have left the Community of Christ or the other various faction groups.

The motion was 2nd and discussion ensued. It was noted that the POZ had formed a committee to address this process that should be easy for the CRE to work in conjunction with. Following the discussion, the motion was passed.

Brother Horn said we would entertain a motion for next year's conference. Brother Joe Burkart moved that the 2018 Conference of Restoration Elders be convened the week of June 24 thru June 29, 2018 in conjunction with the Restoration Branch Family Reunion at the Waldo Ave Restoration Branch/CPRS location. The motion was 2nd and carried.

The business session was adjourned and Hymn #80 *Where He Leads Me* was sung followed by a benedictory prayer by Brother Ray Lane.

Respectfully submitted, David Joyce, Secretary