

Tuesday March 25, 2025 10:00am

Hymn 225 The Church's One Foundation was sung and Aaron Smith offered an opening prayer.

Conference pastor Doug Smith shared a few thoughts and words of counsel.

Chairman Brian Mundy called the meeting to order at 10:16am

Minutes from 3.24.25 meeting were approved as written with two additions. Adding that the sustaining votes were taken and approved for Chairman and Secretary for this Conference week.

Jay Havener moved the following list of additional Elders be credentialed and seated. Motion seconded and passed.

- Caleb Dimiri
- James Yogo
- Nestor Rusatira
- Rayland Downy
- Ed Essig
- Charles Zerr
- Buck Andrews

Quorum Reports

Quorum one – Larry Cottrill. Tabled resolution 2. Resolution 3 passed. Resolution 1 discussion begun and plan to continue.

Quorum two – Jay Havener. Resolution 3-passed with amendments. Resolution 2 discussed at length and passed with amendments.

Members Quorum – John Eichhorn- Resolution 2 – passed with amendments defining multiple requests as three. Also, rather than expelling the group to consider new leadership. Resolution 3 passed.

Aaronic Council – Mark McCormick-Resolution 2 – agree with intent. Point 4 should include accountability but recommend that the term consistent policies be better defined. Quorum admonishes against contention and encourages to labor together. Resolution 3- passed with amendments. Resolution 1 questions-not ready to submit questions but discussed at length and shared a rough draft of questions.

Chairman-Vote by ballot. Jeremy Stephenson voted in as Chairman in a close vote. Because of the closeness of the vote, Brother Brian asked for a sustaining vote to see if any opposition. There was none.

Continued with nominations and voting for Councils and Officers

Secretary-Jason Anderson nominated and approved

Assistant Treasurer – David Webster nominated and approved.

International Missionary/Outreach – no names have been submitted by the boards. Left open.

Domestic Outreach Nominations-Brian Mundy called for a sustaining vote for each of these nominations. All nominations were sustained. This will increase the Council to 11.

- Frank Dippel
- Brian Herren
- Mike Stephenson
- Steve Kropp
- Bryan Wilton
- Brian Mundy
- John Eichhorn

Coordinating Council-New nominations added to the three from yesterday.

- Zach Wilson
- Don Norman
- Steve Cunningham
- Dan Schwartz

Youth Council-all nominations sustained.

Publications Council – all nominations sustained.

Women’s Council – all nominations sustained

Education Council - Sam McLean was selected by the Aaronic Council to fill the position voted yesterday to be filled by a member of the Aaronic Council. All nominations sustained.

Aaronic Council-all nominations sustained

Technology Council – Vim Horn, Andrew Neill, Spencer Hughes on Council currently. No action taken today.

Vim Horn moved to approve the budget as outlined in section 2.5. Motion seconded. Motion passed.

Coordinating Council vote taken by ballot. Five men selected

- Don Norman
- Eric Odida

- Howard Parker
- Dan Schwartz
- Doug Smith

Benji Pedersen moved to support the ARM budget page 2.6. Motion seconded and passed.

Jay Havener moved to table the LAMB budget page 2.8. Motion seconded. Motion failed.

John Mundy moved to approve the LAMB budget page 2.8. Motion seconded. Motion passed.

Richard Neill moved to approve the SEAAM budget page 2.9. Motion seconded. Motion passed.

John Mundy moved to approve the GEM budget page 2.10. Motion seconded. Motion passed.

Bob Dickson moved to approve the FSM budget page 2.10. Motion seconded. Motion passed.

Benji Pedersen moved Resolution 3 to the floor. Motion seconded. A testimony from Frank Dippel was read. Testimony attached to these minutes. Benji Pedersen moved to amend as per Quorum 2's amendments. Amendment passed. Resolution 3 passed as amended.

Nominations for the Gathering Council-vote postponed to next business session to receive more nominations.

- Deborah Bergquist
- Dan Beckman
- Dylan Lavigne
- Chris Campbell
- Joe Burkhart

Eric Odida moved that one person from Domestic Outreach and one person from International Missions Board be added to the Gathering Council as ex-officio members. Motion seconded and passed.

Meeting was adjourned as Rick Johansen offered a closing prayer.

Frank Dippel Testimony

CROPS

COUNCIL for the RECORDING OF PEOPLE with SKILLS

Brother Richard Neill called to ask if I would be willing to preach at conference (2012). I felt as though I should but would like to have had a confirmation from the Spirit. I thought if it is Tuesday evening when it was from the Spirit. Richard said, I would like you to do Tuesday evening. I knew I was supposed to preach that evening.

While preparing for the message I was led to Isaiah 58 during the reading of this scripture around verse 7 where it speaks of the glory of God in the middle of the page it appeared open to a glorious scene. It was the greenness grass I have ever seen; the sky was a brilliant blue and the clouds like cotton.

I walked up the incline of a hill and when I reached the top I gazed upon a beautiful valley. The green grass and blue skies continued; however, there was a huge corn field, and I was encouraged to approach the corn. I walked down the hill toward the corn and the closer I got the more I could see how spectacular this corn was. I asked the Lord so what has this corn have to do with anything I am preparing for. The stalks were extremely tall, and the ears were huge, and I thought only God could have created a field, grass and sky like this. I reached a point very near the corn stalks and they began to be transformed.

Every stalk of corn changed into a person; however, they were people who worked at different trades or professional endeavors. Several were teachers, several carpenters, several masons, nurses, Doctors, ministers, pianists, mechanics and so it goes.

The Lord spoke to my mind and said, these are my CROPS given for the welfare of my saints journeying to Zion. The saints already in Zion need to prepare for the coming of their brothers and sisters; survey the branches, catalog the skills and talents. Record the assets and stores they have already prepared. This resource will be valuable at their coming. You will know where the skills, talents, resources and helpful saints are located, thereby you can direct the gathering saints to places of safety and nourishment.

Frank Dippel received April, 2012 and present in June, 2012

PASSED Resolution #3

Formation of the Gathering Council

Conference of Elders 2025

Whereas, the Lord has commanded the Saints to gather to Independence, Missouri, to establish the New Jerusalem (D&C 57),

Whereas, the Lord will gather His Saints from the four quarters of the earth in the last days (D&C 32:2b, 36:12f, 45:7b),

And whereas, the Lord has given much counsel to the church to make preparations for the gathering,

And whereas, we recognize the absence of a bishop to manage the storehouse, yet we recognize that there is much that can be done to assist in the gathering (D&C 51:4a),

And whereas we recognize that there have been Saints who have gathered who went hungry and suffered physically without the assistance of the Saints, due to the fractured condition of the church,

And whereas we thus recognize there is great need to help prepare the Saints who have gathered and those who desire to gather for the Lord's great work in the last days.

Be it resolved that the Conference of Restoration Elders form a new Council with seven members with staggered terms; with three elected to an initial one-year term and four elected to a two-year term with all subsequent elections being to a two-year term.

And be it further resolved that this Council be established for the purpose of preparing to receive and assist Saints who gather into the Independence, Missouri area. Such preparations would include providing Saints with information and tangible resources to help them obtain housing, local

branch contact information, connections to available jobs, and anything that could be beneficial,

And be it further resolved that this Council prepare guidelines, lists of resources, and informational packets to be made available, both physically and online, to Saints who desire to gather,

And be it further resolved that the Council would work with the members originating branch and local branches located within Zion to support this effort by fostering unity as we focus on the work of assisting in the gathering (D&C 98:9f),

And be it further resolved that if available, those of the office of bishop, would assist the Council under the authority of their office,

And be it further resolved that we adhere to the Lord's admonition that the gathering be not in haste nor by flight, but that all things be prepared (D&C 98:9e).