

MINUTES OF WRBA BOARD MEETING, SEPTEMBER 18, 2018

The meeting was called to order by Heath Kirkwood, presiding for Roy Marshall who was going to be late to the meeting today. Heath also led in the opening prayer. Those in attendance were Cary Killough, Elizabeth Gutierrez, Sheila Blanton, Mike Copeland, Judith Hatter, Joe Bailey, Jangho Jo, Bill Northcutt, Tim Randolph, Judy Carson, Harold Samuels, Heath Kirkwood, Anita Frost, Roy Marshall, and Marcy Smith.

Heath opened the General Session with discussion of the lessons learned at the Non-Profit Board training, which was attended by several of the Board Members, on August 24, 2018. The overall take away from the Board Training was that Tim Randolph does an excellent job as Director of the WRBA, and that our Board functions very smoothly and very well. Another interesting thing we learned is that Board members are personally responsible for any payroll taxes not paid by the Association, so that is a detail that we, the Board, will make sure is taken care of for sure. Even though Roy Marshall arrived at the meeting during this discussion, Heath continued to preside over the meeting. The Board reviewed the Bylaw Amendments and Policies adopted and voted on by the Board, and which will be presented at the Annual Meeting in October. We were reminded that policies can be voted on and changed by the Board, but Bylaws have to be voted on at the Annual Meeting. One of the changes to the Bylaws, Article X, Section 1, states that "no more than two members of the Board (including officers who serve as ex-officio members of the Board) shall be from one member church." It was noted that Roy Marshall has accepted a position at First Baptist Woodway, and that Harold Samuels will be finishing his term in October, so there will be no conflict. The second Board Member from First Baptist Woodway is Judy Carson. Wanda Lehnus has moved her membership from First Baptist Woodway to First Baptist Hewitt; Louine Adams has moved her membership to First Baptist Church Gholson.

Moving on to the Consent Agenda, Heath called for the approval of the Minutes for the August 21, 2018 Board Meeting. Mike Copeland stated he was not at that meeting, even though his name was listed as being present; therefore, the minutes needed to be amended. The Clerk apologized, telling him he wasn't on her list of attendees, but she just knew he had been there and wanted to give him credit for being there ☺. Vote was taken to amend the minutes reflecting that Mike Copeland was not in attendance. Bill Northcutt made the motion; seconded by Louine Adams. Passed unanimously. Bill Northcutt presented the Financial Reports through August 2018, and stated that 78 of the 95 member churches were contributing. Anita Frost moved the Financial Reports be approved, seconded by Joe Bailey. Passed unanimously.

Heath called on Tim Randolph to give his Director's report. Tim reported as follows:

- . Followed up with Old Time Baptist Church about their closing.
- . Training Liaisons for Faith Health Waco
- . Still looking for a new College Ministry Coordinator at TSTC
- . Networking & Missions Team is presenting a "G2G" conference on evangelizing Muslims on Saturday, September 29 at First Baptist Woodway
- . Technology Team training for websites
- . Training and consulting with Downsville Baptist Church for Pastor Search Committee
- . Emmanuel Baptist is taking steps toward consolidating and then eventually closing
- . Having conversations with individuals interested in starting Motorcycle Church in Waco area

Tim mentioned several churches in our membership that are struggling, i.e., Old Time, Lakeview, Grace Temple, and Concord. Jangho asked about the status of the Counseling Center which had been discussed at the previous Board Meeting. Tim stated he has talked with Katie Swofford about the counseling protocol for their particular program, and it lines up with the protocol for the Association. Tim has talked with Justin Pond, V.P. of Clinic Operations for Baylor Scott & White, and he has approved the Counseling Center being a part of the Association offices.

Tim also led in a short discussion about the format of the Minister's Roundtable. Roy mentioned that Chris Johnson, speaker at the last Roundtable meeting, had to speak so quickly, talking so fast, that it was somewhat stressful because even though Chris presented very well and had a great message, the format of the meeting was restrictive in that little time was left for conversation and fellowship. Roy suggested the possibility of a less restrictive, fellowshiping type of format meant to encourage friendships and encourage each other in the faith. Some food for thought.

The Annual Meeting will be October 9, 2018 at Crossroads Fellowship, and the speaker will be Dr. Delvin Atchison. This meeting replaces our October Board Meeting. The next Board Meeting will be November 13, 2018.

Mike Copeland led in closing prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Carson
WRBA Clerk