

Middle District Baptist Association

Associational Meeting, July 19, 2011, Tomahawk Baptist Church

Minutes

Call to Order Doug Watson, Moderator, called the meeting to order at 7:00, with an opening prayer offered by Ralph Dillard.

Records

- 1) Messengers were duly registered by Rick Graves, Clerk. Attendance 19.
- 2) April, 2011, minutes were approved by common consent.

Reports

WMU Wanda Pratt provided an overview of current activities, which included five missions.

Finance Jerry Spradlin, Treasurer, explained and elaborated on the attached report. In summary, the position at this point in the fiscal year is very sound.

Leadership Committee Kay Fletcher, Leadership Committee Chair, proposed a change to Article 2.01 of the Bylaws, which would reduce the number of Associational meetings per year from four to three, as outlined on the meeting agenda (Ref. page 2 for details). A brief discussion generated two action items:

- 1) The Leadership Committee will further discuss the wording for changes to Article 2.01, as well as its relationship with Article 2.02.
- 2) Rick Graves, Clerk, will offer written suggestions for the Committee's consideration.

Brenda Green Updated everyone on coming events and meetings: School Supply Collection currently being held association wide, sponsored by WMU; Global Leadership Summit, August 11-12, Atlee Community Church; Leadership Development Conference, September 19 at River Road Church; Impact VA informational meeting will be held at Tomahawk, September 22, 7 pm; Connect 11 at Mount Hermon; Kingdom Builders will be hosted by Branch's on Oct 8; Women's Ministry will sponsor a shopping trip to Williamsburg on Oct 22.

Elton & Barbara Cooke will be coming to the states for a visit in mid October.

Jim Hamacher Updates:

Ministry House and Panama are moving at a disappointingly slow pace, with numerous obstacles; no choice but to wait.

Transformational Church Consulting: Churches are performing self-studies in an effort to identify strengths and weaknesses.

Possible Estate Planning: MDBA is working to have this free service available to all members.

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- Adjourn** Doug Watson, Moderator, adjourned the meeting with prayer at 8:05.
- Next Meeting** The Annual Associational Meeting will be held on Sunday, October 16, at Mount Herman:
- 4:30 Business Meeting
 - 5:00 Mission Celebration: Connect '11

Addendum Proposed change to Bylaws, provided here for reference:

Article 2 – Meetings

2.01 Regular Meetings. Regular meetings of the Association ~~shall be held at least quarterly~~ shall be held three times a year, normally in the months of February, June, and October, at times and places determined by the Association Leadership Committee and approved by a majority vote of the Association. Regular meetings of the Association shall be referred to as Associational Meetings.

Respectfully submitted by Richard W. Graves Jr., Clerk

MDBA Mission Statement

**Middle District exists to connect, mobilize, start and strengthen churches,
to reach their communities and beyond with the transforming love of Jesus.**