

Middle District Baptist Association

Annual Meeting | Sunday, October 16, 2011 | Mount Hermon Baptist Church

Call to Order Doug Watson, Moderator, called the meeting to order at 4:30 PM, with an opening prayer offered by Steve Allsbrook, Executive Director of Dover Baptist Association.

Announcements On Wednesday, October 26, Graceland Baptist is sponsoring an Appreciation Dinner for Elton and Barbara Cooke. Call the church for reservations.

Records **Registration of Church Messengers:**
Messengers were duly registered by Bonnie Surma, substituting for Rick Graves, Clerk. Number in attendance was 24.

Approval of Minutes:
July 19, 2011, minutes were approved by common consent.

Nominating Committee Report Debbie Ogle reviewed the slate of officers for committees listed in the "Teams and other Leaders" section of the *Middle District Baptist Association 2011 Book of Reports*. There was no discussion. Call for vote came from Doug Watson. Approved by consent.

Bylaw Changes David Benjamin reviewed the bylaw changes that were presented in the July 2011 meeting. The updated changes were presented and will be voted on in the business session on January 24, 2012. There was no discussion.

Business Jim Hamacher presented the 2012 budget adoption in the absence of Ken Williams and on behalf of the Finance Committee and the Leadership Committee.

Jim opened the business portion by publicly thanking Brenda Green for continually watching the expenditures and being such a great steward with the finances.

Jim highlighted that item 755 referred to a bonus and not a salary increase. He also noted that the insurance line item amount is a best guess for 2012.

There were no questions or discussion and the budget was accepted by

common consent.

Special Presentation

During the BGAV meeting at Eagle Eyrie several presentations were made. Evelyn Horner was unable to attend due to family situation, so Lee Ellison presented her with a plaque commemorating six years of service (2005-2011) on the Virginia Baptist Mission Board. She served as vice chair of the team and on the executive committee, spending countless hours in service to missions.

Executive Director Comments

Jim Hamacher asked Lee Ellison to give a brief history of the Mount Hermon Baptist Church chapel. Jim noted that churches in the middle district are distinct and represent the new and the more established.

Lee noted that the chapel was established in 1859 from a group of folks who came from Skinquarter. The main church was built in 1835, across the street. Men came in one side and women in the other. The chapel had a divider down the middle. Last year the church celebrated 175 years. Lee noted the baptistery, recessed in the pulpit platform with a cover. Baptisms for the church as still held in the chapel. One lady from Graceland Baptist raised her hand to say that she was baptized in that baptismal pool when she was a girl.

Following this brief history, Jim publicly thanked everyone for their prayers for his family during his grandson's recovery and his recovery.

Next Meeting

The next quarterly business meeting will be held on January 24, 2012, at 7:00 PM at Tomahawk Baptist Church.

Adjournment

Jim Hamacher adjourned the meeting with prayer at 4:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Bonnie J. Surma, substituting for Richard W. Graves Jr, Clerk.