

Houston's First Baptist Church
Regular Business Meeting
May 6, 2020

The Church Conference of Houston's First Baptist Church was held on this date with Dr. David Self serving as Moderator. The Conference was held online due to the COVID 19 pandemic and required social distancing. It was the first online Church Conference! DeWayne Ashdown voiced the opening prayer.

The Moderator stated that the minutes of the March 4, 2020 Church Conference would be posted on the Church's website and email copies were provided with other reports for this meeting. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the minutes were approved.

The Moderator presented the Financial Reports for the months of February and March 2020. Total receipts for the month of March were \$2,422,516 which was \$272,392 less than what had been budgeted. Total expenses for the month of March were \$2,367,819 which was \$140,419 less than the amount budgeted. The Financial Reports came in the form of a motion which carries the weight of a second and were accepted unanimously by a voice vote. Copies of the Financial Reports for the above mentioned months are attached to and made a part of these minutes.

Dr. Self presented a motion from the Finance Committee regarding the Paycheck Protection Program (Part 1). This motion was presented to the Finance Committee on 4/29/2020. This motion/document is lengthy and was provided to the Committee in full and voted on as such and will be made a part of the permanent record. The motion to approve as written was made by Sarah Mizell and seconded by Lisa Calvert. The motion passed unanimously. This motion/document was now presented to the Church Conference. A copy is attached and made a part of these minutes. It comes from the Finance Committee and carries the weight of a second. The motion was approved.

The Moderator presented a motion from the Finance Committee regarding the Paycheck Protection Program (Part 2). This motion is to grant David Self the authority to sign the promissory note to receive the PPP Funds with the Small Business Association. It is recognized that our Debt Covenant requires Church Conference approval and that the receipt of funds can be rejected by May 14th if not approved. In the Finance Committee, the motion was made by Kevin Jordan, seconded by George Payne, and unanimously accepted. This motion was now presented to the Church Conference. The motion comes from the Finance Committee and carries the weight of a second. The motion was approved.

Dr. Self presented a motion from the Finance Committee to extend authority to staff to continue operating within the FYE 2020 budget beyond June 30 and to manage current budget Revenues to Expenses with Finance Committee oversight, until such time as the new budget can be adopted due to COVID 19 interruption of schedule. This motion carries the weight of a second and was unanimously approved.

The Moderator presented a motion from the Selection Committee for approval of the following individuals to serve on committees as follows:

Personnel: Josh Christopher

Benevolence: Tara Read

Preschool Committee: Jessica Jackson, Kate Johnson

Single Parent Family Committee: Lee Coffman

This motion came from a standing committee which carries the weight of a second, and it was unanimously approved.

Dr. Self presented a recommendation from the New Deacon Committee to approve the following men to be ordained as Deacons. They are listed with their respective campuses.

Ric Lorilla – Loop Campus

Eric Reyes – Downtown Campus

Robert Rogers – Cypress Campus

Russ Whaley – Cypress Campus

Ryan McPhetridge – Loop Campus

The recommendation came in the form of a motion which carries the weight of its own second and was approved unanimously.

There was no further business to come before the Congregation. Dan Craig voiced the closing prayer and the meeting was adjourned.

Cindy Haskett
Church Clerk