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ABCD Annual Business Meeting
Shocco Springs Baptist Conference Center
Talladega, AL
March 12, 2022

Present at meeting:

President – Jeff Farmer
Vice President – Mark Moore
Treasurer – Paul Pitts
Secretary – Jin Mayer
Assistant Secretary – Vacant

Jeff called the meeting to order at 2:06 p.m.
Mark opened in prayer.

Committees at meeting:

Parliamentarian- Cherybe Thornton.
Nomination- Linnea Elliott
Auditors- Ricky Milford and Cromwell Josey

Roll Call: Mark Moore

16 Messenger including 2 interpreters
9 Visitors
46 Jr ABCD (37 students, 9 staffs)
10 ABCD Kids (7 ABCD kids, 3 Age 0-6)
Total: 81 (25 ABCD, 46 Jr. ABCD and 10 ABCD Kids)

Secretary's Report – Jin Mayer

The minutes from March 2020 business meeting were presented. There are no changes or errors. Annette Neel made a motion to accept the minutes. Linnea Elliot seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously as read.

Treasurer's Report – Paul Pitts

Paul presented the financial 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 reports. He explained in detail each of the deposits and expenses. ABCD has \$5,143.69 in checking and \$982.90 in savings in the bank as of March 8, 2019, and it has \$6,210.34 in checking in the bank as of March 5-7, 2021.

Ricky Milford and Cromwell Josey audited both financial reports. They made their motions to accept the financial approval. All agreed.

The two names "Rosa" and "Avery" were spelled wrong and needed to be corrected to "Rose" and "Avey." Kris Courson made a motion to accept the report as read with correction. Ricky Milford seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously as read with corrections.

President's Report – Jeff Farmer

In March 2021, DWBC in Mobile, AL planned to host ABCD 2021. It was canceled due to the Covid-19 pandemic but planned to be rescheduled for March 2022. In August 2021, Eden Westside Baptist Church planned to host ILC, but it was also canceled because we had to follow their pandemic limited attendance guidelines.

Until October 2021, DWBC was not available for us because of the lack of food servers, computer technicians, etc. DWBC rejected us for ABCD 2022. Kristen Kennedy, SBOM, had an approval the date of March 11-13 with Shocco Springs Baptist Conference Center for ABCD 2022.

Jeff explained what the officers met and discussed in the past year.

Vice President's/Committee Report – Mark Moore

Mark reported about the various committees. He encouraged those in attendance to consider volunteering on a committee to support ABCD officers and the conference.

New Business

Motions from By-Laws and Constitution Committee

Mark Moore presented motions that was sent by Steve Dye last January.

1. Steve motions to remove all positions of officers within the Alabama Baptist Conference of the Deaf and replace it with a 5 Member Board. In addition, all wording regarding the word "Officers" or "Executive Board" in our bylaws and constitution to be removed and replaced with the word "ABCD Board".
2. Steve motions to remove all wording regarding the Alabama Baptist Deaf District (ABDD) from our bylaws and constitution.

Steve made the motion to discuss. Robbie Godbold seconded the motion. All agreed for Steve Dye to open the discussion.

Break time 3pm

Reconvened at 3:05pm

Steve Dye opened discussions. He explained that ABCD is still same as it has been since 2014, and some people mentioned that nothing is new from the past few years - same struggles and

same numbers because ABCD officers have a hard time finding people to fill the positions every term by following bylaws and the constitution. ABCD has decided to remove the "Officer" positions, to be replaced with members of the Board. There will be no more voting for officer positions, until the members of the board decide to resign. From now on, the ABCD will have one Board to make decisions. Each member of the board will be from a different church, then will report back to their home church and spread the word.

Steve showed his draft bylaw and constitution and explained how he removed and replaced different things.

Cherybe Thornton asked everyone to see if they are willing to support this discussion. All agreed. And Cherybe asked each officer (Jeff Farmer, Mark Moore, Paul Pitts and Jin Mayer) if they are willing to stay. All officers agreed to stay. Cherybe made a motion to accept changes for ABCD within the bylaws and constitution. All agreed. Motion passed unanimously.

ABCD March Upcoming Plans

We have not discussed ABCD 2023 and ILC 2022 yet.

Motions from the Floor – Cherybe Thornton

As per the Bylaws and Constitution, ABCD needs to stay close (location) to ASD because Jr ABCD is important for our future. We all agreed.

Mark presented plans for next year ABCD location. Mark made a motion for ABCD 2023 at Shocco Springs Baptist Conference Center, Talladega, AL. All agreed.

Nomination for same officers 2022-2024 – Linnea Elliott

President – Jeff Farmer

Vice-President – Mark Moore

Treasurer – Paul Pitts

Secretary – Jin Mayer

Assistant Secretary – vacant

Cherybe Thornton made a motion to accept the nominations as presented. All agreed. Motion passed unanimously.

Jeff closed in prayer.

Meeting adjourned at 3:55 p.m.