

ABCD Annual Business Meeting
Shocco springs Baptist Conference Center
Talladega, AL
March 3-5, 2023

Present at meeting:

ABCD Board:

Jeff Farmer – Chairman

Paul Pitts

Jin Mayer

Jeff called the meeting to order at 2:03 p.m.

Jeff opened in prayer.

Committees at meeting:

Parliamentarian – Daniel Lute

Auditors – Tammy Justice and Daniel Lute

Roll Call: Jeff Farmer

41 ABCD including 22 messengers

19 JrABCD (14 students, 4 staffs)

11 ABCD Kids

Total: 71

Last Year

25 ABCD including 16 messengers

46 Jr ABCD (37 students, 9 staffs)

10 ABCD Kids (7 ABCD kids, 3 Age 0-6)

Total: 81

Old Business

Secretary' Report – Jin Mayer

The minutes from March 4-6, 2022 business meeting were presented. There are no changes or errors. Kris Coursen made a motion to accept the minutes. Sherry Sheen seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously as read.

New Business

Last year, Steve Dye explained how the ABCD officers struggled to find people to fill positions each term by following bylaws and the constitution, but it didn't work. He explained about trying 5 board members from each church and showed them his draft of new by-law and constitution on a power point- how he removed and replaced different things. The vote passed for changing from Officers to Board, and they all agreed to accept changes for ABCD within the bylaws and constitution.

Steve Dye opened discussions of the NEW ABCD Constitution and By-Laws Board Structure 2023 by showing them on Power Point. Joshua, Steve, and Jeff reviewed the old By-Law and Constitution, and there were some conflicts. Joshua presented (explained) how the Board

Structure works on Power point. Steve and Joshua's goal is for 5 members from each church to come to the meeting to discuss and plan (New vision, servants, team building, empowering the next generations, Pastoral/Leadership care, discipleship, and the great commission). They will go back to their church (5 ABCD members Board from 5 churches) to share what was discussed and planned. The 5 members from each church can create accountability, support, communication, unity, discipleship etc. that we learned from guest pastor that weekend. Due to only having 3 members Board (Jeff, Paul and Jin), Joshua and Steve now encouraged each active Deaf Churches or Deaf Ministries to vote on who they want to participate in ABCD Board (need two more). They will submit a nomination for their potential Board members to the current ABCD Board for consideration and acceptance.

Break 3:40 p.m.

Reconvened at 3:50 pm

Daniel Lute suggested keeping the By-Law and Constitution simple, and ABCD messengers can vote if they agree with simple by-Law and Constitution. ABCD Board will vote to agree with PPM that will expand and explain the new Constitution and By-Law. Daniel Lute asked to hold a motion until next year for By-Law and Constitution changing. Daniel Lute and Joshua are willing to work on By-Law and Constitution Board Structure. Mark Moore made a motion, and Steve seconded it. All agreed.

Treasurer's Report – Paul Pitts

Paul presented the financial 2022-2023 reports. He explained in detail each of the deposits and expenses. ABCD has \$6,380.34 in checking and \$984.28 in savings in the bank as of March 4, 2023. Jr ABCD has \$616.23 in the bank.

Tammy Justice and Daniel Lute audited both financial reports. Tammy signed an audit except Daniel due to missing receipt. ABCD messengers made their motions to accept the financial approval. All agreed.

Jeff closed a business meeting. Steve closed with prayer.

Meeting adjourned at 4:24 p.m.

Sunday, March 5, 2023

Tammy Justice and BCDC members voted Wes Justice as a ABCD Board representing for BCDC via email.

ABCD Board 2022

1. Jeff Farmer as a chairperson – Eden Westside Baptist Church
2. Mark Moore – Temporary Eden Westside Baptist Church. Resigned Jan 2023
3. Paul Pitts – Meadow Brook Baptist Church
4. Jin Mayer – Dauphin Way Baptist Church

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1. Jeff Farmer as a chairperson – Eden Westside Baptist Church
2. Paul Pitts – Meadow Brook Baptist Church
3. Jin Mayer – Dauphin Way Baptist Church
4. Wes Justice – Birmingham Community Deaf Church
5. Daniel Lute – New Deaf Church