

Alabama Baptist Conference for the Deaf
Eden Westside Baptist Church
Pell City, AL
October 14, 2023

Those in attendance:

Executive Board:

Chairperson - Jeff Farmer

Assistant Chairperson – Wes Justice

By-Law – Daniel Lute including Wes, Jeff, Joshua Huffman and Steve Dye

Treasurer - Paul Pitts

Secretary - Jin Mayer

Assistant Secretary – Daniel Lute

Others:

Matthew Dixon – Jr. ABCD Director

Joshua Huffman – SBOM

Prayer and open:

Jeff opened the meeting with prayer at 9:20 a.m.

Old Business

We reviewed minutes from May 6, 2023. Daniel made a motion to accept the minute as read.
All agreed.

Financial Report – Paul Pitts

Checking - \$ 6,380.54

Savings - \$ 984.28

JrABCD - \$ 616.23

All accepted the financial report.

New Business

ABCD 2024 Discussion and planning.

ABCD 2024 will be in Shocco Springs Baptist Conference Center, Talladega, AL on March 8-10, 2024. The theme is “Love and Forgiveness” in Colossians 3:12-14. Same place, Mountain Ridge Lodge is where we stayed from March 2023.

ABCD Guest Speaker and Music Leader

Guest Speaker - Pastor Larry White from Tennessee.

Music Leader - Martise Colston from Florida.

JrABCD Leader

JrABCD speaker - Ashton Luff from Dallas, Texas.

Children’s Ministry

Jeff will look for temporary leader for Children’s Ministry or nursery.

Plan for ILC 2024

Jeff tried to contact Matt. Jin informed Jeff that Matt is a volunteer in Village Church that set up new church in Redland area for 6 months, and he is still interpreting at Village Church. He will go back to Coosada Baptist Church. Jin will let Jeff know when the best time is to meet her and Matt. We, the ABCD Board, agreed August is the best choice due to the football season for ILC.

Plan for ABCD 2025

Wes informed us to drop Springville Camp and Conference Center in Odenville, AL due to the expensive cost. We discussed where and the cost. Matthew and Daniel reminded us to make sure any church hosts will provide staff as team to help ABCD and provide what we need with check list for ABCD.

By-Law – Daniel Lute

Daniel explained the By-Law. Jeff, Joshua, and Daniel continue to work on the By-Law. We will read the By-Law before the next meeting in January. By-Law needs to pass first and then Daniel will work on PM for expand of by-law.

JrABCD director – Matthew Dixon

Matthew waited for Nathan Bill to reply if he accepts JrABCD director.

Break 10:15 a.m.

Reconvened at 10:28 am

Joshua Huffman - SBOM

Joshua explained about the taxes, by-law and ABCD organization. Right now, SBOM takes over the ABCD taxes. ABCD including JrABCD are now under SBOM. Shocco Spring is under SBOM. Joshua is working on the website for ABCD 2024, but he waits for SBOM to see if they will do a new website by Thursday. If not, SBOM will take care of a new website "Deaf Ministry of Alabama" for ABCD registration, fee, etc. starting after ABCD 2024.

ABCD is not an organization since 2012 so that By-Law means nothing because it didn't work. He encouraged us not to lose hope of ABCD for the future. He advised us to close the old ABCD and move on to the new ABCD with better Board Structure. He suggested that we as Board ABCD to sit in front of messengers to tell the truth and what we can do for ABCD. Daniel suggested that we need new guidelines on how we as Board ABCD run new ABCD with the new structure. We, the ABCD Board, understood and agreed to step into the new structure.

Meeting adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

Joshua Huffman closed in prayer.