

Minutes of Big Canoe Annual Meeting

May 20, 2018

11:45 AM

The Annual Meeting of the Chapel was called to order by Dan Bellenger, Chairman of the Board of Trustees. A quorum was established and the meeting was opened with prayer by Rev. Len Walker.

The minutes of the Annual Meeting of May 21, 2017 were distributed along with the proposed changes to the By-Laws. After time was allowed for review the minutes, a motion to accept them was passed without dissent.

Rev. Len Walker thanked the congregation for their support, patience, faithfulness and involvement in the life of the Chapel. He expressed gratitude to Mr. Cousins for *listening to the voice of God* when he helped establish this place of worship and also to the family of Joe Dodd for their recent endowment to the scholarship fund. He said, "God is good, all of the time and has blessed Big Canoe Chapel".

The meeting was turned over to Jeff Turner, Treasurer. He reported that the Chapel is in great financial condition. For the year 2017 we were under budget for operations and above budget for contributions with more than \$700,000 distributed via various outreach programs. In 2018 (YTD) giving has already reached \$316,000. "Our members are a blessing."

Dan Bellenger reported that:

- there are now six Sunday School classes meeting each week plus more than 70 women attending the Guild Bible Study sessions
- Rev. Helms led a pilgrimage to the Holy Land
- The Broyles Mission Conference was a success
- Witness Breakthrough Training had 40+ attendees
- The Women's Guild, Legacy of Caring and Men's Fellowship continue to provide great service opportunities
- in the five months from Nov. '17 through March '18 we have welcomed 27 new Chapel members
- there is a planned 6% increase in the 2018 budget for outreach; \$106,000 was transferred from the Chapel reserve fund and added to outreach bringing the estimate to \$850,000 for the year
- the Choir will sing at Carnegie Hall this summer
- Trustees will hold a retreat to review the Chapel's Vision & Strategies.

Dan then welcomed comments and questions from the congregation but there were none.

Secretary, Jean James gave a brief overview of the two proposed By-Law changes.

- 1) Change the name of the "Trustee Selection Committee" to "Trustee Election Committee". A motion by Dick Girdler was seconded by Dave Thompson and passed by majority vote.
- 2) "A husband and wife may not serve on the Board of trustees at the same time." Bennett Whipple moved, Chuck Palmer seconded the motion and it passed by a majority.

Dan Bellenger introduced and welcomed the five new Trustees who will serve a three year term beginning in July:

- Devon Collins
- Fran Farias
- James Garner
- June Lewis
- Carol Willoughby

Rev. Walker closed the meeting with a prayer.

Respectfully submitted:



Jean James, secretary