

MIDLANDS MISSION CENTER  
Proposed CONFERENCE MINUTES  
Chihowa Retreat Center – November 13, 2010

Sue Phipps, Midlands Mission Center President, called the business meeting to order at 10:35am following the singing of *As We Gather* (Sing a New Song hymnal # 3), lead by Brian and Sara Tubbesing, and opening prayer by Sue Phipps. Helen Thomas made a motion to approve the November 14, 2009 minutes, as printed. Shannon Potter seconded. The minutes were approved as printed.

The conference then turned to the consideration of Jim Weigand's call to High Priest/Bishop. Motion to consider was made by Shannon Potter and seconded by Doug Albro. Jim spoke in response to the call and Sue Phipps, Mikal Shedd, Stassi Cramm and Pam Mathena spoke in support. The call was supported unanimously by the congregation gathered.

The business meeting was suspended for the Ordination Service. During a lovely service presided over by Bishop Mikal Shedd, Jim Weigand was ordained by Apostle Stassi Cramm and High Priest Sue Phipps to the office of Bishop.

Lunch was provided by the El Dorado Congregation as a fund raiser for their summer youth camperships and Christian Education. \$491 was raised.

Sue Phipps called the Re-Convening of the business meeting at 1:12pm. She then turned the floor to Stan Troeh for the sustaining of Sue Phipps as the Midlands Mission Center President/Financial Officer. Stan read the letter, published in the bulletin on page 10, from the First Presidency in support of Sue Phipps continuation as Mission Center President/Financial Officer. Motion to consider was brought by John Studdard, with several seconds. The motion to sustain the Sue Phipps as Midlands Mission Center President/Financial Officer passed, and the floor was returned to Sue Phipps.

The sustaining of the Midlands Mission Center Leadership Team was next on the docket. Sue read a letter to the conference in support of the leadership team as: Stan Troeh, Don Bice, Greg Stollsteimer and Mikal Shedd (printed on pg 11 of the conference bulletin). John O'Neal made a motion to sustain and was seconded by Debra Campbell. The motion to sustain the Midlands Mission Center Leadership team of Stan Troeh, Don Bice, Greg Stollsteimer and Mikal Shedd passed.

Stan Troeh presented the 2011 Midlands Mission Center Peace Award to Kerry Lukenbill. Kerry accepted the award and spoke to his support from the Liberty Congregation.

Sue Phipps called the conference attention to the National Conference Advisory Team. Per the last World Conference in March of 2010, National Conferences will be held in 2012. Each mission center will have two representatives on the team. Ballots were pre-printed with the names of Bruce Rider, Phyllis Laurion, Velton Peabody and Laura Huyett. Sue opened the floor to additional nominations. There were no additional nominations and voting was done by ballot. Bruce Rider and Phyllis Laurion were voted to represent the Midlands Mission Center on the National Conference Advisory Team.

The 2009 Audit was the next item to address. The 2009 Audit was printed in the conference bulletin on pages 17-13. Motion was brought by Aaron Laughlin to accept the audit and seconded by Mikal Shedd. 2009 Audit was accepted by a show of hands.

Sue Phipps then addressed the 2011 Midlands Mission Center budget. Budget was moved by John Studdard and seconded by Don Bice. Sue pointed out changes in the 2011 budget as compared to the 2010 budget. Short discussion followed with some questions and answers regarding the budget. John Studdard moved the previous question and John O'Neal seconded. The gathered conference voted that they were ready to vote on the budget. The proposed 2011 budget was approved.

Sue Phipps pointed out the 2011 budgets for Chihowa Retreat Center and Central Avenue Center of Hope that were printed in the bulletin on pages 15 and 16. These budgets are not for conference vote but for informational purposes.

Sue Phipps turned the floor over to Jim Diddle for a presentation on the Chihowa Retreat Center Vision from the Chihowa Board. Board Elections followed. Since no nominations were made from the floor, John Studdard moved to accept the four nominee's from the board's recommendations of: Debbie Campbell, Rick Darling, Linda Kelly and Clint Reine. Motion was seconded by Gary Collins. Amendment to the motion was made by Bill Baldwin that Midlands Mission Center President, Sue Phipps, appoint the terms of the nominees. Amendment was seconded by Lloyd Barnett. The conference voted and passed the amendment and then voted on the amended motion. Amended motion passed.

On page 8 of the conference bulletin were printed the boards for Central Avenue Center of Hope, SHARE, Inc and HUD. The conference addressed the sustaining of these boards individually and they were sustained as printed.

The conference took time recognize those persons who were stepping down from congregational leadership as Pastors and/or Financial Officers (\* Present):

Paul Bennetts—Co-Pastor, Mission Road  
Donna Bogue\*—Pastor, Liberty  
Betty Campbell—Co-Pastor, Webb Road  
Jennifer Libeer—Co-Pastor, Mission Road

Kerry Lukenbill\*—Financial Officer, Liberty  
Gary Swart—Financial Officer, Topeka  
Margaret Swart—Pastor, Topeka

Midlands Mission Center President/Financial Officer, Sue Phipps, then pointed out several announcements in the bulletin and asked for any new business from the floor. Seeing no additional new business Diane Albro moved to adjourn and Sherri Mills seconded. Business meeting concluded at 2:57pm.

Gathered congregation sang a closing hymn of *Give Thanks* (Sing a New Song hymnal #11) and closing prayer was given by Donna Fletcher.

Respectfully submitted,



Laura Weigand-Vaughan