

Semi-Annual Meeting Minutes  
April 23, 2017  
Country Meadows Baptist Church

During our Annual Meeting last October, the Administrative Committee brought the following recommendation to the Association:

*The Association shall meet twice annually in April and October and the Administrative Committee shall be the governing body of the Association between meetings of the Association. It shall have all powers of the Association except that it may not take actions contrary to these bylaws or the actions of the Association. The Administrative Committee may call a special meeting of the Association, giving thirty days notice of the day, time and place for the meeting and the items of business to be conducted at the meeting.*

This recommendation passed and our Bylaws were updated. As a result of this change, the Administrative Committee and the Association Messengers have taken over the former Executive Board responsibilities. The meeting this month is the first Semi-Annual Meeting of the Association.

The meeting was held at Country Meadows Baptist Church, 4901 Lee's Summit Road in KCMO. The Association provided hot dogs and hamburgers and attendees provided the side dishes and dessert. Country Meadows graciously provided drinks. After dinner, there were several ministries that had display tables set up in the foyer. Those ministries were: Campus Ministry (Carson Conover and Travis Hamm), WMU, Restoration House, Rehope Market, Voice of the Martyrs, MBCH, Lighthouse, People Teams and Horn of Africa Ministry.

The Country Meadows Praise Team started with some pre-session music. Pastor Jeff Paul from Country Meadows welcomed everyone and opened with prayer. The Summit Road Band led the congregation in praise and worship.

Jerry Tharp, Moderator, called the business session to order. Attention was called to the written reports in the Book of Reports. Alisa Henley, Chairman of the Finance Committee, presented the financial report and pointed out that we are currently at 111% of budget giving. The financial reports were approved. Jerry Tharp then presented the following recommendation on behalf of the finance and admin committees:

*The Administrative and Finance Committees recommend making the following change to the Vision 2020 Investment Plan: Close the investment account at National Christian Foundation and open an account at Charles Schwab & Company. This will eliminate the 1% fee being paid to NCF. Steve Cox, CFA with Providence Financial Advisors will continue to manage this account.*

This recommendation was passed with unanimous approval.

Dr. Rodney Hammer, Executive Director, gave a State of the Association update which mentioned a lot of the missions and ministries that BR-KC is involved in. This was a stirring and inspirational talk.

The Restoration House story video was shown followed by interviews with September Tribble, Executive Director of RHGKC, Kristin Spilker, Operations Manager for Rehope Market, and Steven Robinson, Director of Development for Restoration House. Each gave a short update on their respective areas.

Nicole Brown from Noland Road Baptist Church gave an update on the Horn of Africa ministry including report on the January 2017 trip and plans for the May 2017 trip. Gregg Boll interviewed Pastor Todd Morris from Forest Grove Baptist Church about his involvement with the Legacy Cohort and how it has helped him as he pastors a small congregation.

Dr. Hammer interviewed Jason Allen, Pastor of LifeConnection Church about his church and their involvement in church planting. He then interviewed Travis Hamm and Carson Conover about their work on area college campuses. Andrew Huesing was the last interview and he talked about the People Teams Ministry.

Conor Scholes from Noland Road Baptist and member of Summit Road Band, closed the service with a song. Dr. Hammer prayed and dismissed everyone.