

BERKELEY COVENANT CHURCH  
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING — 25 January 2004 (unapproved)

Chair Rich Rhodes called the meeting to order at 1:10 p.m. with prayer. Forty-five members and three friends signed the attendance roster.

MINUTES — We approved the minutes of the **10 October 2003** quarterly congregational business meeting, except to add the correction that Josh and Moritz had actually been approved as *associate* members.

TREASURER'S REPORT — Peter de Laveaga summarized his written report as it appeared in the annual report.

- He announced that 2003 general fund **giving** had achieved a new high, an 8.7% increase over 2002.
- He reported a \$5,300 **deficit** in the general fund, whereas we had planned for a deficit of about \$10,000. He explained that in the past five years, the church's annual surpluses had totalled about \$45,000, and that the board had planned another deficit in the 2004 budget proposal.
- He explained some of the format of the **financial statements**.
- He pointed out that the **sound system fund** was \$8,000 to \$9,000 in deficit, partly because costs had exceeded the plans. Financial Secretary Bill Colbert had sent letters to the persons who had not yet fulfilled their pledges.
- He said that **Mustard Seed Preschool** was continuing a slight surplus. He pointed out some of the ways the preschool was contributing to the church's finances: part of the salaries of Pastor Royce, of the receptionist, and of the children's ministry assistant (Laurie Fiddes).
- He announced that the **Little Sprouts Preschool** had been successfully launched and had repaid the \$30,000 loan from Mustard Seed Preschool.
- Q: Where was the preschool's income statement and balance sheet from the **2002-03 fiscal year** that ended 30 June 2003? Peter: In the treasurer's report submitted to the 20 July 2003 quarterly meeting.

REPORTS — A few leaders added comments to the reports printed in the annual report:

- Chris Kelley's last name was misspelled in the list of parishioners on page 46.
- Ann Moriarty distributed the **world sojourners' report** on a separate sheet of paper to include in the annual report. She mentioned that Pablo Gasner was back in Mexico; that Evelyn Kroeker was no longer part of the world sojourners group; and that Jim and Juanita Watters were coming to speak on 29 February.
- On behalf of the **local sojourners**, Allison de Laveaga asked us to pray for outreach events: the coming lecture and other events sponsored by Fiat Lux; and the open house Friday 20 February (part of the centennial celebration).
- Pastor Al pointed out that the **pastor's report** had five themes: our life together; our discipleship journey; the church staff and ministry; Pastor Al's ministry beyond BCC; and looking ahead.
- Q: To whom should a newcomer inquire if interested in joining a small group? Pastor Al: To the contact person listed on the list published earlier; or to the **seeds** group, particularly Bruce Wydick, their coordinator.
- Andrew Wollitzer reported that the youth and college ministries were now stronger than in the past.

NEW FISCAL YEAR — Rich presented the board's proposal that we change the church's fiscal and business year to end on 30 June starting in 2004. The proposal included amendments to the church constitution and bylaws and a proviso that the officers' terms of this short fiscal year be extended into the 2004-05 fiscal year. The proposal was approved.

ELECTIONS — Larry Cool, chair of the nominating committee, presented the ballot. The following candidates were elected:

Chair:	Rich Rhodes
Vice chair:	Ann Moriarty
Secretary:	Phil Davidson
Treasurer:	Peter de Laveaga
Elders:	Larry Cool, Joshua Moritz, Royce Tanaka
Continuing elders (not elected this time):	Elaine Chan (term expires 2005) David Vahlstrom (term expires 2004) Michael Thwaites (term expires 2004)
Sunday School Superintendent:	Laurie Fiddes
Assistant Sunday School Superintendent:	(vacant)
Head usher:	Evelyn Kroeker
Conference liaison:	Royce Tanaka
Pastoral relations committee:	David Vahlstrom (from the board) Carole Cool (non-board)
Auditors:	Jim Hager, Kent Moriarty

It was M/S/C to appoint Royce Tanaka (being conference liaison) and Pastor Al as our delegates to the **annual meeting of the Pacific Southwest Conference**, scheduled for 22-24 April in San Diego. It was M/S/C to appoint Michael Thwaites as our alternate delegate.

We elected Royce and Jeremy Milford as our delegates to the **Covenant annual meeting**, scheduled for 20-23 June in Minneapolis, with Pastor Al as alternate.

Larry pointed out that the five open elder positions were for one, one, two, three, and three years. He said the bylaws were silent on how to allot the positions to the elected candidates. He said that the three elected elders would work out among themselves how to allot the seats and would inform the board

BUDGET — Peter presented the board's budget proposal. He explained that before the change in fiscal year was approved, both six- and twelve-month versions of the proposal had to be developed. He said that for most items, the six-month proposal was exactly half the twelve-month proposal. However, since January-June income was usually less than half the year's income, the January-June proposed income budget income was only 45% of the full year's proposal. The January-June 2004 proposal included a deficit of \$14,297, anticipated to be partly made up for by December.

Q: What is the philosophy behind the proposal for a growing deficit? Peter: It's a growing church. The 2003 deficit was smaller than planned. The church has grown. God is calling us to stretch.

We made the following changes to specific lines of the January-June 2004 budget proposal:

- 5308 (Equipment): changed to \$1,000.
- 5449 (Jon Paris): changed to \$600.
- 5404 (short-term missions): \$500 moved from line 5490 (missions, to be assigned).
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- 5505 (music): changed to \$250.

The resulting total proposal for January-June 2004 was for \$154,037 in spending, with a planned deficit of \$14,547. The motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Phil Davidson, Secretary