

BERKELEY COVENANT CHURCH  
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING — 26 June 2005 (unapproved)

Chair Rich Rhodes called the meeting to order at 1:23 p.m. Thirty-one members and two friends signed the attendance roster. A time of prayer followed.

MINUTES — We approved the minutes of the 17 April 2005 quarterly business meeting with the following amendment: in the pastoral staff reports, regarding the All-Church Retreat, to correct the word “them” to “theme”.

MEMBERSHIPS — Rich announced that Michael Thwaites and Meri DeRouche-Thwaites had resigned their memberships in BCC.

MINISTRY CALL TO ANDREW WOLLITZER — Rich presented the board’s recommendation that we call Andrew Wollitzer to full-time ministry at BCC. It was explained that with gradual changes in Andrew’s duties, he had already begun serving full-time on the pastoral staff some time ago. A few questions were asked:

- Would there be a change in his job title also? Rich: No change in his title is proposed at this time.
- Would his rent be reduced? A: No.

The motion carried.

BYLAW AMENDMENT — We considered the following bylaw amendment, which had been duly presented in writing to the 17 April quarterly meeting and the 28 April board meeting: to change “chairman” to “vice chairman” in both Article V, Section 5 (**Pastoral Relations Committee** members) and Article VI, Section 3 (Pastoral Relations Committee).

Rich gave some reasons behind the proposal:

- Because the church chair is involved in supporting the pastor, controversial situations can sometimes make it difficult for the chair both to support and to evaluate the pastor at the same time.
- The vice chair has fewer duties and therefore more time to help the committee deal proactively with positive situations, not just crises and controversies.

The amendment carried.

TREASURER’S REPORT — Peter presented his written report and offered these comments:

- He expected the 2004-05 **deficit** to reach the budgeted amount of \$7,619 or to be somewhat better. Through 31 May, the deficit was only \$3,762; but he expected a few large expenses to arrive during June.
- **Mustard Seed Preschool** was doing very well. Cathy Squires and Rina Woodfin co-lead the preschool. Rina would take the summer of 2005 off while Cathy directs the preschool. During the regular school year, Rina administers most matters and Cathy resolves questions. The preschool’s finances, teachers, children, and general health were doing very well.

2005-06 BUDGET — Peter introduced the board’s budget proposal. He pointed out:

- The proposed budget was 8% larger than the 2004-05 budget, and 10-11% over the projected 2004-05 income.
- Generally income and expenses have been slightly lower than the budget.
- With our staff of three full-time pastors and one full-time front desk person, the budget needs this growth.
- Our growth as a church is not just a matter of raising money, but of inviting our friends to hear the Good News.

We examined each section of the proposal in turn. Here are some of our questions and comments.

- Q: What about our possible involvement with *Iglesia Maranatha*? A: No proposal has been made.
- What about the **technology coordinator** position? A: This is now among Andrew's duties. We noted the need for volunteer help.
- What about the **bookkeeper**? A: Sarah Jorgensen is being trained for this as part of her duties.
- We took a break in the budget discussion to distribute and collect the **ballots** for the election of 2005-06 officers and elders.
- Line 5506 (**children's ministries**) includes money to help train teachers for the six children emerging from preschool.
- Line 5308 (current year **capital allocation**) is no longer funded as part of the expense budget.
- A request was made for more details of our income needs in the Sunday **bulletin**.
- We passed the following **amendments** to the budget proposal:

<u>Line</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>New amount</u>
4000	Regular offerings	+\$1,444	\$208,144
	Total income	+\$1,444	\$324,544
5101	Health & life insurance - senior pastor	+\$2,000	\$3,000
5401	New College Berkeley	+300	800
	Total expenses	+\$2,300	\$324,544

The amended budget proposal passed in the amount of \$324,544.

ELECTION OF 2005-06 OFFICERS — The following candidates were elected:

Chair:	Peter de Laveaga
Vice chair:	Joshua Moritz
Secretary:	(no nominee)
Treasurer:	Larry Cool
Elders:	Sharon Colbert, Jeremy Milford, Terri Tanaka, Andrew Wollitzer, Bruce Wydick
Continuing elders (not elected this time):	Royce Tanaka
Sunday School Superintendent:	Laurie Fiddes
Assistant Sunday School Superintendent:	Vicky Brodt
Head usher:	Evelyn Kroeker
Conference liaison:	Bill Colbert
Pastoral relations committee:	(no nominee from the board) Carole Cool (non-board)
Auditors:	Jim Hager, Kent Moriarty

THANKS TO OUTGOING OFFICERS — We expressed our thanks to Ann Moriarty, Rich, and Phil Davidson for their service. We announced a gift for Rich and Mary Rhodes.

Pastor Al closed the meeting with prayer at 3:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Phil Davidson, Secretary