

BERKELEY COVENANT CHURCH
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING — 7 June 2008 (DRAFT 2)

Pastor Andrew opened our meeting around 6:10 p.m. with a time of prayer and singing. Twenty-five members and one friend signed the attendance roster. Chair Peter de Laveaga led the meeting. Phil Davidson substituted as secretary in place of Dean Scrimgeour, who could not attend.

MINUTES -- We approved the minutes of the **26 April quarterly** business meeting.

PASTOR'S REPORT — Pastor Andrew made these points:

- God is calling us to **focus on the purposes** to which he is calling us.
- Although Andrew had initially felt some difficulty in the transition to being senior pastor, he was now finding that **God was going in advance** of him as he entered into conversations with people.
- During 2008-09, the leadership would discuss how to restructure the board to use our gifts as **deacons and elders** more efficiently. The deacons would focus on internal ministry, making sure that everyone would be cared for even as the church takes up an outreach focus.
- Two new "23" **adult classes** were anticipated:
 - "Kingdom parenting": a class intended to be attractive to parents from outside BCC.
 - A class on integrating science and religion, perhaps in partnership with InterVarsity.
- As we seek to **reach out** in ways that are healthy, sustainable, and incarnational, our small groups are seen as a ministry contact point. Andrew anticipated continuing to host picnics for the public. We might seek a service project in the community. It would be good to find points of currency: areas of common interest for conversations and relationships with people outside BCC.
- In choosing **budget priorities**, Andrew tended to emphasize ministries with which we're personally connected, so that our overall efforts are sustainable, not exhausting.
- In answer to a question, Andrew listed our current **small groups**:
 - Andrew's group.
 - Bruce and Leanne Wydick's group.
 - The County Line Covenant Group.
 - Evelyn and John Kroeker's group.
 - Maxine Ray and Mary Rhodes' group.
 - The parents group (the Blankespoors, Brioneses, de Laveagas, Woodfins, and Wydicks).

ELECTION — Karen Davidson presented the ballot as chair of the nominating committee. She explained that Bruce Wydick had been added by **petition** to the ballot as the nominee for the office of chair, following the petition procedure specified by the bylaws. It was pointed out that the financial secretary is not elected by the congregation, but is appointed by the board.

A **point of order** was made, to the effect that no chair should be elected at this meeting, because the sample ballot had been distributed without a nominee for chair, and because the nominee's name had not been publicized for a two-week period. Peter ruled that the ballot (with Bruce as the sole candidate for chair) was valid as presented. A motion was made and seconded to appeal Peter's ruling to the church assembled. The appeal failed.

The ballots were distributed and collected.

TREASURER'S REPORT — Phil Davidson presented his written report, based on financial results through 31 May.

- He noted our **deficit**. He explained that nearly half of the deficit could be explained by the increase in Andrew's salary since we had called him as senior pastor.
- He described the loan we were requesting from **National Covenant Properties** to refinance the church and the 1540 Ada Street house and to pay for maintenance on both.
- Peter presented a recommendation from the board that the congregation **authorize** incurring a loan of up to \$670,000 from National Covenant Properties.

2007-08 BUDGET — Phil presented the 2008-09 budget proposal from the board. Here are some of the elements of the proposal that we noted:

- The budget assumed that Andrew and Lynn would reside in the front portion of the Adeney House apartment through 31 July and would then move into the **parsonage** at 1540 Ada Street. The budget further assumed \$1,300 in monthly rent for the Adeney House apartment beginning on 1 August.
- Leanne Wydick would be hired as **music director** (budget line 5055), overseeing music and visual arts in our worship services.
- Melissa Moritz would continue as **worship coordinator** (line 5050), serving as administrator and information conduit for the worship service planning.
- The authorized salary for the **office administrator** (line 5020) would be increased in order to allow for a possible increase in job duties.
- There was no plan for an **associate pastor** during 2008-09, after the end of Pastor Amy's service on 31 July.

We made the following amendments to the budget proposal:

- It was M/S/defeated to move the \$1,200 from line 5449 (local missions, to be assigned) to a new line for **Little Sprouts Preschool**.
 - It was M/S/C to redirect line 5406 (formerly compassion and justice ministries) (\$360) to **Little Sprouts Preschool**.
 - It was M/S/C to add \$600 to line 5501 (general ministries) for two **piano tunings**.
 - It was M/S/C to **balance the budget** by increasing line 4000 (regular offerings) by \$2,249 to \$162,449.
- It was M/S/C to approve the budget with these amendments.

It was M/S/C to authorize the spending of up to \$45,000 for repairs and maintenance of the **parsonage** at 1540 Ada Street.

SANCTUARY WINDOW COVERINGS -- It was announced that window coverings were being planned for the sanctuary. Persons with opinions were asked to contact Evelyn and John Kroeker and Vicky Brodt.

ELECTION RESULTS — Karen reported that all candidates were elected:

Chair:	Bruce Wydick
Vice Chair:	Steve Blankespoor
Secretary:	Krista Peyton
Treasurer:	Phil Davidson

Elder:	Edwin Martinez Maxine Ray
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(Continuing elders - not elected at this time: Sharon Colbert, Melissa Moritz, Rich Rhodes)

Sunday School Superintendent:	Laurie Fiddes
Assistant Sunday School Superintendent:	Jeanne Stachowiak
Head Usher:	Linda Noeum
Conference Liaison:	Tina Sar

Pastoral Relations Committee	(board): Melissa Moritz (non-board): Karen Davidson
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Auditors:	Joe Peyton David Vahlstrom
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We adjourned the meeting at 8:32 p.m. in prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Phil Davidson