



ROLLING HILLS COVENANT CHURCH
Quarterly Congregational Business Meeting
APPROVED Minutes
Sunday – September 23, 2018

Present: 129

Michael Barker opened the meeting with the music devotional and worship.

The meeting was called to order at 6:50 PM by Chairman Mike Cochrane who opened the meeting with his devotional to turn our hearts to the LORD.

Chairman Cochrane referred all to 1 Corinthians 12:27, "We are the body of Christ," and 1 Timothy 3:5, "If anyone does not know how to manage his own family, how can he take care of God's church?" to point out that we, the church, are the family of God. We all follow Jesus as the "head" of the family; we are a team. We see this in 1 Corinthians 12:12, "Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ." This verse exemplifies that we can maintain diversity while expressing unity, with each member depending on all the other members for help, and each member serving well in their place in the body. How does a body deal with transition and change? We depend on what is constant – our great God Himself, who never changes. We will handle each transition with complete dependence on the LORD. Chairman Cochrane then prayed 1 Chronicles 29:10-13 over the church.

Chairman Cochrane appointed Jerry Rilling, Guy Forest, Miguel Gallardo, and Garth Edwards as tellers.

Chairman Cochrane served as the meeting's Parliamentarian.

The meeting agenda was approved.

MINUTES

Minutes from the Quarterly Congregational Business Meeting of May 6, 2018, were approved by acclamation.

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Miguel Gallardo, deacon on the Connect & Equip Commission, reported on the membership updates. He made the motion, seconded by Kathy Smith, to accept the new members, and for the removal of membership by request or home-going. Total membership after tonight's meeting is 1817. Details of the membership changes are as follows:

Members to be added

1. Adams, Taylor
2. Allen, Sandra T.
3. Becerra, Carlos Guillermo
4. Bolaño, Blanca
5. Castillo, Adrian
6. Castillo, Libertad
7. Crawford, Audelina (Lina)
8. Crawford, Scott
9. Currie, Esther
10. Esser, Nathan Trent
11. Flores, Jopsan

12. Flores, Rony J.
13. Gayden, Gloria M.
14. Gorton, Edward (Ted)
15. Gorton, Roz (Rose)
16. Gougher, Araceli D.
17. Hum, Kathy
18. Hum, Kenny
19. Layne, Ardena

Member Name Changes (No impact on membership totals)

1. Suzanne V. (Suzie) Ricker has married and now is Suzie Lusthoff
2. Jenny O. Aguirre Tapia was shown as Jennie O. Aguirre Tapia
3. Angelica Cohen married and is now Angelica Wallin

Members to be removed by request, transfer or inactivity

1. Artusio, Ellynn Marie
2. Gerlach, Emily Marie
3. Hocking, Harold (Phil)
4. Hocking, Lydia
5. McGowan, Letty
6. Melendez Vega, Patricia Ximena
7. Thill, John E.
8. Thill, Ruthie

Members to be removed (through home-going)

1. Aisup, Dorothy
2. Craig, Andrea L.
3. Keith, Mae J.
4. Lindquist, Doris R.
5. McCardle, Cleston E. (Mac)
6. Priest, John A.
7. Smith, Charles Albert, Jr. (Chuck)
8. Thomason, Stuart Hale (Stu)
9. Tomlin, James Leroy (Jim)
10. Warner, Suzanne B. (Sue)

TREASURER'S REPORT – CURRENT BUDGET & PROJECTED INCOME

Church Treasurer Garth Edwards presented the Treasurer's Report. As of August 31, 2018, the revenues are \$1,911,000, and the expenses are \$2,066,000. Attendance is down 3.5%.

Bob Cubillos addressed certain concerns: How often is payroll? Every 2 weeks = 26 times per year. With giving down, is there enough to cover everything? We will keep tabs on our cash management to make sure all obligations can be met.

JUNE 2018 ELECTION RESULTS and PRESENTATION OF NEWLY ELECTED LEADERS

Chairman Mike Cochrane announced all those newly elected to the Church Council, and the Commissions along with their appointees:

- Vice Chairman – Anthony Galante
- Treasurer – Garth Edwards
- Financial Secretary – Mike Cooley
- Secretary – Jane Wallin
- Elders – Mike DiLustro, Ben Eroen, Craig Knickerbocker, Rod Lenders
- Children's Commission – Ethel Castanetta, Holly Eroen, Corey Thompson
- Congregational Care Commission – Delia Garcia, Janine Murray, Barb Rankin
- Connect Commission – Mike Curtis, Miguel Gallardo, Tim Houck
- Finance & Property – Dale Stock

- Global Outreach Commission – Debbie Duncan, Jim Paul
- Life Group Commission – Brad Barez, Bob Lopez, Julio Sical
- Local Outreach Commission – Gary Cardinale, Matt Smith
- Personnel Commission – Linda Cochrane
- Stewardship Commission – Gary Adams, Jake Doolittle
- Student Commission – Sue MacKenzie
- Worship Arts Commission – Susie Hipkins, Steve Keith, Jodine Tamble

NOMINATING COMMITTEE FORMATION

Chairman Cochrane opened the floor for nominations to fill 4 positions on the Nominating Committee. Those nominated were Jordan Wheeler, Matt Butler, Anthony Nunez, Rosie Chia, Mark Michaelian, and Mike Curtis. A vote was taken by ballot. The EC will add 3 members and the resulting Nominating Committee will be listed at the bottom of the Recommendation Form for Church Leadership which will be made available in the Welcome Center.

DISCIPLESHIP PATHWAY UPDATE

David Krall and Vance Hartzell presented the updates on Rooted and Life Groups. To date, there have been 182 Rooted groups resulting in 120 baptisms overall. An 80% transition from Rooted to Life Groups has resulted in 104 Life Groups over 5 ½ years.

The Life Group Leader's Retreat will be the weekend of March 15–17, 2019, and the speaker will be Pastor Steve Gladen, who has been the Small Group Pastor at Saddleback Church since 1998. He is married to Lisa and they have two children. He also serves on the Saddleback Elder Council and has authored three books.

David Krall presented plans for the next step beyond Rooted: Rooted 2.0! They plan to call it "REVIVE," and its purpose will be to help members continue to grow along the Discipleship Pathway. Like Rooted, it will be a 10-week, church-wide program and will direct people into Life Groups if they are not already.

SHORT TERM MISSION TEAM REPORT – ROMANIA and CAMBODIA

Jason Roszhart, Director of College Ministries, reported on their mission trip to Romania. Jason was intrigued with the fact that RHCC had a heart and already had a connection with mission in Romania. He and all the college students that went loved being able to share with the children that Jesus loves them – Jesus sees them – Jesus accepts them – messages that the children's hearts were thirsty for. He shared that it's really special to go to a place that we don't really think about and come back with our hearts connected to the children there. One final note re: the college group – one college student had just accepted Jesus as Lord and Savior the previous Thursday night! Praise God!

David Halverson, Worship Arts Pastor, reported on the choir mission trip to Cambodia. Eleven from the main campus choir and four from Gateway went. They sang in the rain, in storefronts, in churches, in a rural lean-to hut – anywhere and everywhere. They always sang a blessing at mealtime and ended the meal with Psalm 91. The most thrilling part was when they sang at the Jesus school there – and suddenly the whole crowd sang back to them! They gave out lots of clothes and box lunches. A most touching moment occurred when they served the box lunches at the Jesus school. One student would not eat it, because he wanted to bring it home to share with the whole family. A very sobering experience.

YEAR-END OVER AND ABOVE GIVING GOAL: PASSION FUND TARGET MINISTRIES

Pastor Byron MacDonald began this presentation noting that when RHCC was founded, the world population was 2.8 billion – and now it is 7.6 billion. With the Passion Fund, we will seek to take advantage of opportunities through Global and Local Outreaches to further the Gospel and to bring in the harvest. We'll believe God for the funds to move out in new ways beyond what we normally do.

NEW RHCC LOGO, ETC.

Sam Tabari presented the new RHCC logo, the updated worship folders and registration forms, and the missionary updates station. Later on, contacts will be updated as well.

Sam is motivated by a Francis Schaeffer idea: In order to communicate the Gospel in a meaningful way,

we must understand the thought-forms of our current generation. So, the new logo has particular meaning to the South Bay with the words and the logo emphasizing "Rolling Hills", as well as the blue lines signifying the ocean with the cross of Christ above them both, showing our desire that everyone in our community see and lift up Jesus in their hearts as Lord. Our website is an important part of communicating meaningfully, because this generation often goes to a website first. Currently, if one searches for churches in the South Bay online, RHCC doesn't even come up in the first 3 pages! He is still brainstorming and working to develop a new platform that will help to make RHCC more visible and accessible online.

RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

Chairman Mike Cochrane shared that Dan Charlin was resigning from his positions and had written the following letter on August 1, 2018:

Dear David and Byron,

First of all, I would like to thank you for the opportunity of working with the Worship Arts Department. All the musical, artistic, and technical staff and volunteers have been absolutely professional. It has been both a pleasure and a joy to work with them. Furthermore, Jan and I love Rolling Hills Covenant and believe God is blessing and will continue to bless this church.

However, we feel we can no longer support Rolling Hills as we have in the past and will join a church with a better fit. It is therefore necessary for me to tender my resignation as the Worship Arts Ministries Liaison and yield my seat on the Global Outreach Commission. Of course, I will work with department heads for a smooth transition.

This decision does not come lightly but with months of prayer and discussion with many pastors, elders, members, and staff, all of whom we consider friends. While we feel the need to move on, we will never stop loving the people of RHCC. And we continue to pray for you all and will miss seeing you on a weekly basis.

*Respectfully,
Daniel Charlin*

NEW BUSINESS

Pastor Garrick Hanger reported that Dennis Fevegeon, the Interim Director for Voyagers, took a leave of absence beginning on June 1st, because his daughter has been battling cancer. Early in September, Dennis came to talk about his return to this position. However, it is clear that now is not the right season for him to continue his role with Voyagers. So, Garrick has worked with the Voyagers' leadership team to put together an ongoing teaching plan/schedule and to determine the best way to meet the needs of Voyagers and minister to them well. Garrick and Richard Smith, Elder Liaison to Voyagers, will develop a long-term plan which will be presented at the November CBM.

Mel Nygren suggested hiring a full-time pastor for all mature/senior adults at RHCC.

Lastly, Chairman Cochrane stated that rather than putting more on Pastor Byron with Global Outreach and changing Pastor Steve's job description, no changes will be made.

Senior Pastor Byron MacDonald adjourned the meeting in prayer at 8:09 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jane Wallin
Secretary