



Rolling Hills Covenant Church

ROLLING HILLS COVENANT CHURCH Quarterly Congregational Business Meeting Approved Minutes Sunday – September 24, 2017

Present: 121

The MacKenzie family opened the meeting with the music devotional..

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM by Chairman Mike Cochrane who opened the meeting in prayer.

Chairman Cochrane gave the devotional from 1 Chronicle 29 on David's prayer of thanksgiving and rejoicing at the giving to the treasury for the building of the temple. David and the leaders made sure that God got the glory. Chairman Cochrane acknowledged Senior Pastor Byron for his twenty-five years of ministry at RHCC. Those in attendance gathered around Pastor Byron to pray and give thanks for his ministry trusting that he always gives God the glory.

Chairman Cochrane and the elders prayed for the team going to Houston to help in the relief efforts from Hurricane Harvey.

Chairman Cochrane appointed William Mitchell, Hoon Dokko, Jerry Rilling and Richard Smith as Tellers

Chairman Cochrane served as the meeting's Parliamentarian. .

The meeting agenda was approved.

MINUTES

Minutes from the annual Congregational Business Meeting of May 7, 2017 were approved by acclamation.

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Pam Seide, Deaconess of the Connect Commission, made the motion, seconded by Jim Walter to accept the new members, and remove membership by request or homegoing. Total membership after tonight's meeting is 1794. Details of the membership changes are as follows:

Members to be added

1. Bergley, Richelle
2. Bradford, Robert
3. Bucklew, Jenna Wells
4. Caldwell, Leidy
5. Carlson, Georgette
6. Carlson, Douglas L.
7. Casal, Elizabeth
8. Cunanan, Jay
9. Godinez, Karina
10. Grubbs, Tavia
11. Haas, Larry
12. Houck, Timothy
13. Kim, Leann
14. Kim, Young
15. Morgan, Ensley

16. Patrilla, Monica
17. Tobari, Emily
18. Tobari, Sam

Members to be removed by request, transfer or inactivity

1. Harrington, Judith
2. Harrington, Keith

Members to be removed (through homegoing)

1. Grasso, Barbara
2. Moore, Stanley R.
3. Samson, Sarah (Sally)
4. Turner, Paul (Pat)
5. Vorhis, Charles (Chuck)
6. Walsh, Helen

TREASURER'S REPORT – CURRENT BUDGET & PROJECTED INCOME

Church Treasurer Garth Edwards presented the Treasurer's Report. The revenues are slightly ahead of projections. Expenses are also below projection for a net difference of (\$3,000). Attendance is down slightly at 1.5%.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

Chairman Cochrane confirmed the election results for the 2017-2018 church year.

Chairman – Mike Cochrane

Elders – Hoon Dokko, Tom Miller, Jerry Rilling and Richard Smith

Children's Ministries – Jennifer Johnson, Henry Lin, Rita Sharp

Connect Commission – Peter Johnson, Sharon Fadale,

Equipping Commission – Andrew Faris, Margaret Grieco, Janine Murray

Finance and Property – Clyde LaGue, Dale Stock

Global Outreach – Daniel Charlin, Anne Dokko, Carolin Keith-Wade

Local Outreach – Brenda Cleary, Ron Kong, Carlos Brito

Personnel Commission – Brian Baklenko

Stewardship Commission – Debra Caldin

Student Commission – Matt Butler, Keith Rowan

Worship Arts Commission – Laura Savitz, LaWanda Zscheile

NOMINATING COMMITTEE FORMATION

Anthony Galante, Vice-chairman of the elder council opened nominations for the committee. Those nominated are: Andrew Faris, Ana Bombback, Ron Kong, John Campa, Steve Stout, and Mary Beth Eroen.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW STAFF MEMBERS

Executive Preaching Pastor Shawn Hurley introduced two new staff members. They are:

Sam Tavari – Director of Communication and Story

Tavia Grubbs – Contemporary Worship Coordinator

Roosevelt Dorn – Assistant at Gateway Covenant Church

BLESS and SHARE CONFERENCE UPDATE

Pastor Byron thanked everyone for praying for him. The teaching series for this Fall is Bless. It was a joy to join together outreach and the adult teams for the Share Conference. When the series was selected, there was no idea how quickly the church would be putting "bless" into practice. Pastor Steve Bunyard reminded everyone that we are blessed to be a blessing to others. He quoted E.V. Hill who said "When God blesses you, he seldom has you in mind". He shared an acrostic for the word "bless": B—begin with prayer; L—listen with care; E—eat together; S—serve with love; S—share your story.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE and RELATIONAL CENTER UPDATE

Susan Johnson, Director of Care Ministries and the Relational Center, reported that her position has changed, and she now works with the Congregational Care Commission, and Pastors Nate Aanderud and John Thill to be the hand and heart of Christ for the care of the congregation.

DISCIPLESHIP PATHWAY UPDATE

Pastor Vance Hartzell thanked Pastor Steve for their partnership during the Share Conference. He reported that this Fall is the twentieth quarter of Rooted. This past summer, there were eight group including groups with students. For this Fall, there are nine group with 134 who registered. To date, 1,980 people have graduated from Rooted.

SHORT TERM MISSION REPORT—Cambodia, Jakarta and Thailand

Anne Dokko gave a report on their using the BLESS acrostic as they ministered in Cambodia. She and the team gives all the glory to God. Their focus was on building relationship and collaborating with local connections. They also conducted dental and medical clinics, visited churches, orphanages and ministered at the Jesus School. Additionally, they were able to provide for many who recently suffered loss due to a fire in the community.

William Mitchell reported that, on his trip to Jakarta, they were able to support Asian Access and the work they are doing with missionaries from many nations.

Cathy Smith reported on their visit to Bangkok and the church plant that is there. They were able to teach English in schools and conduct VBS with a ministry partner. They also distributed reading glasses and gospel tracts.

NEW BUSINESS

Pastor Byron, Pastor Shawn and Pastor Lloyd Gilbert reported on the new Children's Ministries curriculum – Orange. The elders, in response to concerns voiced by some in the congregation, met with Pastor Lloyd and Richelle Bergley, the Children's Ministries Director, to go over the curriculum. The elders reacted positively to the presentation.

Pastor Lloyd reported that the Orange curriculum was selected as a curriculum that was age-appropriate and was similar to RHCC's Discipleship Pathway. He shared on the reorganization within Children's Ministries. There are now associates for all the grade levels. Lloyd wanted the reorganization and the new curriculum in place before the new director joined the staff.

Pastor Byron affirmed the making of disciples in Children's Ministries.

Pastor Byron reported on the retirement of Pastor John Thill. He read Pastor John's resignation letter and his desire to spend time with his wife and his father. The letter read as follows:

September 22, 2017

Dear Pastor Byron:

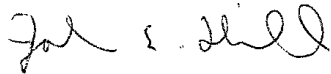
This is to confirm our conversation of Wednesday September 20, where I express my desire to retire from my position at Rolling Hills Covenant Church. We have been blessed to have served these last eight years. We have loved serving the senior adults and ministering in other areas of the church. I am grateful that one of my dreams to improve our ministry of congregation care is moving forward so well.

Ruthie and I feel it is time for us to retire and enjoy life and ministry together after the threat of cancer in her through the holidays this past year. We have seen too many couples wait too long and miss the opportunity that could have been theirs otherwise. We also need to minister to my 99 year old father in whom neck cancer has returned.

We intend to retire as of Saturday September 30, 2017. Our prayers will continue for the blessing of God on the work at Rolling Hills Covenant. We leave with many great memories of people who have loved us, lives God has allowed us to touch, and lessons in our lives that God has taught.

In the joy of God's providence.

John and Ruthie Thill

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "John & Ruthie Thill".

Senior Pastor Byron MacDonald adjourned the meeting in prayer at 8:45 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rosie Chia
Secretary