Rolling Hills Covenant Church

ROLLING HILLS COVENANT CHURCH
Quarterly Congregational Business Meeting
Minutes
Sunday – September 25, 2011

Documents Attached to Official Filed Minutes:

1. Meeting Agenda – September 25, 2011
2. Membership Update – September 25, 2011

Present: 70

WORSHIP TO PREPARE OUR HEART – Laura Savitz

Laura led those gathered for the meeting in singing *How He Loves*, *How Great Thou Art* and *How Great is Our God*.

DEVOTIONAL – Daniel Charlin, Church Chairman

Dan greeted those attending tonight's meeting and thanked them for their commitment to our church. He said the praise songs were appropriate for tonight's devotion, then read Isaiah 6:3 and reminded us that just as God's presence filled the temple, so too shall it fill the whole earth some day. Psalm 19:1 tells us that the heavens declare His glory. Dan told of a night in the desert when he saw three shooting stars! He told of a family outing here to our church parking lot to watch for shooting stars and saw more than one a minute. It was awesome! Flying recently at 38,000 feet, in clouds and bumpy turbulence, he saw the glory of lightning in the clouds. This is His handiwork, something He made.

In 2 Corinthians 7:14 we are reminded that He is greater than we are. We are to humble ourselves, pray, seek His face and turn from sin then He will forgive us and heal our land. Psalm 25:9 says He will lead and teach those who are humble before Him. Daniel 4:37 tells us all His works are right, His ways are just and He humbles the proud. 1 Peter 5:6 reminds us that He will exalt us at the proper time. 1 Corinthians 6:19-20 confirms that we are His temples, bought at a price. We are to glorify Him; our humility honors Him. Dan and Jan have hiked on many trails and frequently they walk toward water. He's found that waterfalls are best viewed from below. That is a good analogy of where we should be, below looking up to Him.

In tonight's meeting Dan will announce the new church leaders who were elected in May and we will welcome new members. Dan said that those gathered tonight are leaders and the cream of the crop because they are here after a business week, busy weekends and a full day.

Dan closed this time of devotion in prayer for our church and for the meeting to follow.

MEETING RESPONSIBILITIES – Daniel Charlin

Dan introduced those helping with the meeting. Keith Harrington was appointed Parliamentarian. Curtis Shinn, J.P. Poveda, Don MacKenzie and Ted Holdeman agreed to serve as Tellers.

MEETING AGENDA – Daniel Charlin

The meeting agenda was presented and there was a call for items of new business; none were offered. Therefore, the agenda was considered **adopted** by unanimous consent.

ADOPT MINUTES FROM ANNUAL MEETING IN MAY AND SPECIAL MEETING IN AUGUST – Daniel Charlin

The minutes from the May 1, 2011 Annual Congregational Business Meeting and the August 7, 2011 Special Business Meeting were **accepted** by acclamation as presented.

MEMBERSHIP – Susan Johnson, Director of Ministry Services

Susan presented the changes to the RHCC membership roster as shown on the Membership Update dated September 25, 2011. She read the list of new member candidates, asking them to stand and be recognized.

Susan Johnson made a **motion** to accept the proposed members into membership. John Michler **seconded** the motion. Then Susan read the list of members who have gone home to be with the Lord. Those removals from membership were accepted by acclamation. Next, Susan advised those in attendance of the new membership total of 1,760 (one thousand seven hundred sixty) for an increase of 11 (eleven) above our prior membership total. When put to a vote the motion to update our membership roster accordingly **carried** unanimously.

In closing, Susan prayed for the new members and their success at RHCC.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Debra Caldin, Treasurer

Bob Cubillos, our Business Administrator, came forward to give the Treasurer's Report. He welcomed Debra as our new Treasurer then he explained each of the reports.

He pointed out that we planned to overspend during this first quarter since it is the time our facilities are lease used and most available for maintenance projects. Our revenue was short of our projections but our expenditures were less by a larger amount, therefore the shortfall we expected is considerably less than anticipated. We draw on reserves during these times and will repay those accounts during the balance of the year. Bob said he is working with the Expansion Team to make sure our cash flow is aligned with the pace of the work being done on our campuses. He also pointed out that our attendance is increasing.

Bob offered to answer any questions but none were forthcoming.

Table A

• Current financial status – 8/31/11			
YTD	**Revenue**	**Expenditures**	**Difference**
Budgeted	$1,481,000	$1,800,000	$319,000
Actual	$1,448,000	$1,646,000	$198,000
Difference	($33,000)	($154,000)	

Table B

- **Current financial status – 9/18/11**

YTD	**Revenue**
Budgeted	$1,816,080
Actual	$1,809.224
Diff.	($6,856)

Table C

- **Current financial status – 8/31/11**

Total Harvest/Building Fund is
$2,232,678

Table D

- Attendance statistics

	2007	**2008**	**2009**	**2010**	**2011**
YTD	2,260	2,191	2,152	2,191	2,283
Average %	6.8%	-3.1%	-1.8%	0.9%	

Dan closed this segment by saying he is extremely happy that our giving is near our forecast so early in the year, since summer usually leaves us with a larger deficit.

2011 ELECTION RESULTS AND PRESENTATION OF NEWLEY ELECTED LEADERS – Daniel Charlin

Dan announced the new leaders elected at the last election. They are shown below:

Commission Members	**Commission**
Ben Eroen	Worship, Music and Creative Arts
Tiffany Adams and Jake Camello	Student Ministries
Ken Johnson and Norie Roeder	Stewardship
Bonnie Holmes	Personnel
Scott Owen and Richard Tamble	Local Outreach
Cathy Smith and David Statham	Global Outreach
Katie Applewhite and Peter Knickerbocker	Finance and Property
Whitney Knickerbocker	Equipping
Joe Storr	Discipleship
Wendy Murdock and Derek Okada	Children's Ministries
Scott Conner and Keith Rowan	Adult Ministries

The newly elected Elders are:

Elder	**Responsible for**
Michael DiLustro	Adult Ministries
Greg Edlund	Personnel
Carey O'Bryan (re-elected)	Stewardship
Jim Porter	Equipping
Jordan Wheeler	Children's Ministries

We are currently without a Financial Secretary due to health issues. The position will be filled by appointment. Our new Treasurer is Debra Caldin and Dan was re-elected Church Chairman.

Dan closed in prayer for the new church leaders asking that they would lead humbly through His grace and power.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE FORMATION – Craig Knickerbocker, Vice Chairman

Craig came forward to accept nominations for the Nominating Committee who will compile a slate of candidates for the next election of church leadership. The names put forth were Safy Jacob, Mike Cochrane, Garrick Hanger, Gary Farnworth, Rosie Chia, and Kristen Wendorff. No other names were suggested and the nominations were considered closed.

Our Chairman explained that those members in attendance tonight will elect four (4) people to the committee and the Elders will appoint three (3) at the next Council. If someone is elected but chooses not to serve the runner up will be asked to serve in that place. Ballots were distributed and members were asked to vote for four (4) of the nominees.

The ballots were collected and counted during the meeting.

At the very end of the meeting we returned to this agenda item as Dan announced the outcome of the election. Those who were elected are: Mike Cochrane, Garrick Hanger, Safy Jacob and Kristen Wendorff.

EXPANSION UPDATE/CAPITAL CAMPAIGN – Craig Knickerbocker, Expansion Team/Vice Chairman

Craig told about the work involved in the expansion effort and how he trusts God will fill the new facilities. He said we've finished many projects on the Main Campus (MC) and are currently hard at work on our North Campus (NC).

When it is finished the NC will have a little amphitheater with a grand staircase. There is a radius wall that provides us with a larger patio. French doors will lead into the Annex. We will have a wonderful new glass entry element and brand new narthex with a center aisle. The Bride's Room and bathrooms are being completely renovated. Skylights will provide better lighting. There will be a new Conference Room. Craig said they are looking for antique stained glass to frame and backlight along the Chapel walls. The stucco will match our other campuses. New windows and modern railings will improve and update the facility. The handicapped access ramp is completed and the parking has been revised. The lower parking lot will be upgraded as well. Craig said he is hoping for a December finish to the work on the NC.

Portable offices will arrive on our MC in the next week. The church staff will be relocated so that work can start on the new Welcome Center (WC). It will be a great addition to our facility. He hopes the WC will be completed sometime in early Spring 2012.

Craig said he is nervous about the cost, as always, because he doesn't want to have to stand before the congregation and ask for more funds. So far things are within the budgeted amounts. We are currently in plan check and will have permits for our new building by the end of the year. Our capital campaign will start up in January and we will start construction as soon as the money is available.

RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS – Daniel Charlin

There were no resignations or appointments to announce.

NEW BUSINESS – Daniel Charlin

No items of new business were put forth.

OPEN FORUM – Daniel Charlin

An open forum was provided for issues from the floor.

John Michler asked for prayer for the peace issues of the world.

PRAYER AND RECESS – Byron MacDonald, Senior Pastor

Byron came forward to close our meeting and said that Doors of Hope opened and already has served seven (7) women. Vergil Best is in the hospital with kidney stones and Byron asked that everyone would pray for he and Faye.

He closed the meeting in prayer at 7:30 p.m.

NEXT MEETING

The next regularly scheduled Congregational Business Meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m., Sunday, November 13, 2011 in the 290s.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra Flowers
Secretary