

**MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 25, 2007 MEETING OF THE
EASTERN ANNUAL CONFERENCE BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION**

The Eastern Annual Conference Board of Administration convened on August 25, 2007, at 9:00 a.m. at First Southern Methodist Church in Sumter, SC. The meeting was called to order by Rev. Ellison Evans, Annual Conference Vice-President and Board Chairman.

The chairman led in the time of devotion and spiritual orientation. He shared from Psalm 126 and spoke on the need for us as Southern Methodists to have pure motivations and enthusiasm for the gospel and our denomination.

After receiving prayer requests, the chairman called on Rev. Dr. Philip Fulmer who led in a season of prayer.

The chairman distributed a proposed agenda and noted that additional items for the meeting could be brought from the floor at the appropriate time.

The secretary called the roll with the following members present:

1. Rev. Ellison L. Evans, III
2. Rev. Dr. Philip C. Fulmer
3. Mr. James D. Minton, Sr.
4. Mr. Julian Boland
5. Mr. Woody Gregory
6. Rev. Steven Reynolds
7. Miss Deborah Westbury
8. Mrs. Betty Tindall
9. Rev. Greg Williams
10. Rev. Dr. Larry Crowe
11. Rev. Nathanael Waites
12. Mr. Alan Berry
13. Mr. Tim Enlow
14. Rev. William Allen
15. Mr. Earl Bullard
16. Rev. George C. Howell
17. Rev. David E. Fulmer
18. Mr. Jack Corbett
19. Mrs. Laura Westbury

The chairman called for the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting. The secretary read the minutes from the March 2007 meeting. Rev. William Allen moved that the minutes be received; the motion was seconded by Rev. Steven Reynolds and carried without dissent.

The chairman called for the Report of the Conference Treasurer. Mr. James Minton, Treasurer, read his report (see attached). Mr. Woody Gregory moved the report be received; the motion was seconded by Mr. Earl Bullard and carried without dissent.

The chairman called for the report on the two retirees' funds (see attached). Mr. James Minton reported on the balance of monies in the Adopt-A-Retiree Fund and in the Love Offering Fund. Mr.

Jack Corbett moved that the report be received; the motion was seconded by Rev. William Allen and carried without dissent.

The chairman called for election of the vice-chairman. Rev. Philip Fulmer moved that Rev. Steven Reynolds continue as vice-chairman. The motion was seconded by Mr. James Minton and carried without dissent.

The chairman reviewed the committee assignments and declared the following committee structure:

Board Committee on Finance –Rev. Ellison Evans; Mr. James D. Minton, Rev. George Howell, Rev. Philip Fulmer, Mr. Jack Corbett

Board Committee on Christian Life and Action – Rev. David Fulmer, Rev. Tony Curcio, Mr. John Mellis, Mr. Tim Enlow, Mr. Alan Berry, Rev. William Allen, Mr. Earl Bullard, Rev. Dr. Larry Crowe,

Board Committee on Lay Activities and Home Missions – Mrs. Betty Tindall, Rev. Steven Reynolds, Mr. Julian Boland, Miss Deborah Westbury, Rev. Greg Williams, Mrs. Laura Westbury, Rev. Nathanael Waites, and Mr. Woody Gregory.

Following announcements, the Board recessed so that the Board Committees could meet to consider relevant items.

The Board of Administration reconvened to consider reports from committees.

The chairman called for the report of the Committee on Christian Life and Action. Rev. Dr. Larry Crowe reported that the committee had discussed church growth strategies and the need for churches to support and encourage the efforts of Rev. Dan Plunkett as home missionary and home missions coordinator. Rev. Crowe also reported that information should be disseminated to churches regarding hate crime legislation that is pending in the US Congress that has the potential to threaten the ability of churches to speak against some sins; the churches should be made aware of Christian websites such as www.frc.org that track and inform. The Board voted to receive the report without dissent.

The chairman called for the report of the Board Committee on Finance. Rev. Philip Fulmer, committee secretary, reported that the committee had reviewed the financial situation of the conference and was concerned with the increasing number of retirees without a proportional increase in income. This situation would require that retirees would continue to receive less stipends from the annual conference. Rev. Fulmer reported that the Finance Committee would continue to review the situation and share more at future BOA meetings.

The chairman called for the report of the Committee on Lay Activities and Home Missions. Miss Deborah Westbury, recording secretary of the committee, reported that:

1. The committee recommends that the remaining balance of \$165.29 from the Leadership retreat be kept in the camp treasury for our next retreat.
2. The committee recommends that an article be placed in the *Southern Methodist* about the audio recording of the leadership retreat being available for a \$5 suggested donation.
3. The committee recommends that we sponsor another retreat February 8-9 at Camp Summers and Manget with a focus on *Preserving Our Gospel Heritage For the Future Generation*.

Rev. Crowe moved the adoption of Item 1; the motion was seconded by Rev. William Allen and carried without dissent.

Rev. Nathanael Waites moved the adoption of Item 3; the motion was seconded by Rev. Steven Reynolds and carried without dissent.

The chairman called for consideration of election of members to the Scholarship committee. Vacancies had been created because of events that had occurred since Annual Conference.

Rev. Philip Fulmer moved that Rev. John Hucks, Sr. (1 year term), Rev. Randy Fender (2 year term), and Mrs. Jessie Howell (2 year term) be elected to the Scholarship committee, pending their acceptance of the office. The motion was seconded by Rev. Greg Williams and carried without dissent.

The chairman called for the report of Conference officers.

The chairman recognized Rev. Steven Reynolds, Conference Youth Director, who distributed information on youth events for the upcoming church year. He reported that 145 campers had attended camp this year with 57 first-timer campers. He also requested that the Board look at how the youth program is financed and how changes can be made to increase funding for the youth program of the conference. Mr. Woody Gregory moved that the report be received. The motion was seconded by Rev. David Fulmer and carried without dissent.

The chairman recognized Miss Deborah Westbury, President of the Epworth League, who reported that the Epworth League was promoting 31 days of prayer for the camps.

The chairman recognized Mrs. Betty Tindall, President of the Woman's Missionary Society, who reported that more than \$1000 had been given to the WMS project during the previous year towards providing undergarments for women's crisis centers. She also reported on the WMS Retreat to be held at the Springmaid Beach Resort in September. Mrs. Laura Westbury moved that the report be received. The motion was seconded by Rev. Steven Reynolds and carried without dissent.

The chairman recognized Mr. Woody Gregory, President of the Cartwright Men's Fellowship, who reported that he had visited one district meeting and several local meetings of the Cartwright Men's Fellowship. He is continuing to emphasize home missions. Mrs. Betty Tindall moved that the report be received. The motion was seconded by Rev. Nathanael Waites and carried without dissent.

The chairman recognized Mr. Julian Boland, Conference Lay Leader, who encouraged continued participation in the Adopt-A-Retiree program and the distribution of tracts. Mr. Earl Bullard moved that the report be received. The motion was seconded by Mr. Woody Gregory and carried without dissent.

The chairman recognized Rev. Greg Williams, Sunday School Superintendent, who reported on his desire to see churches evaluate their respective Sunday Schools and pray concerning how God can use Sunday School to evangelize and reach the lost. He also pointed churches to resources that are available from Radio Bible Class at www.rbc.org that are free of charge. Rev. Nathanael Waites moved that the report be received; the motion was seconded by Mr. Alan Berry and carried without dissent.

The chairman reminded pastors of the fellowship to be held at Enon Southern Methodist Church on September 15, 2007. He also stated that there was interest in a Pastors' Retreat and he is investigating the possibility of holding one in the near future.

The chairman announced that the next meeting of the BOA would be held on November 3 or November 10, 2007 at Southern Methodist College at 9:00 a.m.; following the identification of a specific date, the secretary will send out an announcement letter.

Rev. William Allen moved that the meeting be adjourned. The motion was seconded by Rev. Greg Williams and carried without dissent. The meeting was closed in prayer by Rev. Dr. Larry Crowe.

Respectfully Submitted,
Rev. Dr. Philip C. Fulmer, Secretary
Eastern Annual Conference

ANNUAL CONFERENCE TREASURER'S REPORT**GENERAL FUND**

Balance June 8, 2007 \$ 4,553.50

Income:

General Conference \$ 6,936.17

EAC Men's and Pastor's Fellowship \$ 374.00

Total \$ 7,310.17

Expenditures:

Retiree's and Widows' Stipends \$ 3875.00

Vice-President's Expenses \$ 335.00

Treasurer's Expenses \$ 82.00

Secretary's Expenses \$ 100.00

Ministerial Relations Chairman's Expenses \$ 200.00

Min. Relations Secretary Expenses \$ 300.00

Min. Relations Secretary Gift ('07-'08) \$ 400.00

Total \$ 5,292.00

Balance, August 25, 2007 \$6,571.67

RETIREE'S AND WIDOWS' LOVE OFFERING FUND

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| Beginning Balance, June 8, 2007 | | \$ 4,553.58 |
| Income: | | |
| Churches and Individuals | \$ 2,964.88 | |
| Annual Conference Offering | \$ 6,791.50 | |
| Total | | \$9,756.38 |
| Expenditures: | | |
| Love Offering | \$ 0.00 | |
| Balance, August 25, 2007 | | \$14,309.96 |

ADOPT-A-RETIREE PROGRAM

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| Balance, June 8, 2007 | | \$ 5,594.50 |
| Income: | | |
| Churches and Individuals | \$ 5,015.00 | |
| Expenditures: | | |
| Retirees and Widows | \$10,075.00 | |
| Balance, August 25, 2007 | | \$ 534.50 |