

## **South Carolina Baptist Conference of the Deaf**

### **Board Meeting Minutes**

**May 6, 2017**

**SC Association of the Deaf, Home Office**

**West Columbia, South Carolina**

Roll Call:

President: Rev. Justin Cribb

Vice President: Rev. Jeremy Carpenter

Second Vice President: Ezelis Sanderson

Secretary: Josie McDaniel-Burkett

Treasurer: Artie Connolly

Interpreter Coordinator: Jill DuPre

Parliamentarian: Earl Wright - not present, excused

Liaison/Consultant: Dr. Alton Brant

President Rev. Justin Cribb called the meeting to order, starting by opening with a prayer at 10:15 am at the SC Association of the Deaf Home Office in West Columbia, SC on May 6, 2017.

A copy of the minutes from the March 18, 2017 meeting was emailed on May 5, 2017 to the Board. Justin asked if there were any corrections, hearing none, the minutes were approved as read, distributed, and corrected.

#### **President's Report / Rev. Justin Cribb:**

Justin shared with the board that he spoke to Nathan Carter and everything was still "go" for the conference. Sent WOCC our needs for all conference rooms. Discussed what time WOCC would be serving us dinner and what time to start the Friday night session. Since WOCC has required everyone to check in after 5pm, we had to change the dinner time and session times. Music has been scheduled for all sessions except for Friday night so Justin will take that spot. We have one workshop that needs a presenter. Justin will continue to work on that. Discussed the ages for the Sunday School groups. Justin stated that he is still working on the Camp Ichthus committee. He will have the Public Relations and Historian committee descriptions on display at the upcoming conference.

#### **First Vice President's Report / Rev. Jeremy Carpenter:**

Jeremy stated that he is working on conference room assignments for the Nursery and Children's rooms. Earl gave him the memory stick (thumb drive) with the Policy and Procedures manual.

#### **Second Vice President's Report / Ezelis Sanderson:**

Ezelis has 4 volunteers secured for the conference. Mary Beth Rushing, Sarah Baker, Stephanie Poole and Heather Shirey. Heather Shirey is a close friend of Ezelis' and a member of a Baptist church near Gardner-Webb University. Ezelis did ask the volunteers to have their church sponsor their cost for coming to the conference and informed them that the remaining balance would be paid by SCBCD. Justin and the Board gave their blessings to Ezelis for the four volunteers she chose to work in the children's ministry at the 2017 SCBCD conference.

**Motion 1:** Jeremy motioned to have SCBCD cover unsponsored conference related expenses for the volunteers working in the children's ministry at the 2017 SCBCD conference. Alton Brant second the motion and the motion passed.

Camp Ichthus: Jeremy stated that Artie has already sent the deposit for Camp McCall. Fortunately, North Anderson Baptist Church and Pastor Sistrunk will be taking their boys on a camping retreat to Camp McCall in August so that will allow Ezelis to get a feel for the camp when our group goes in September.

Ezelis is waiting to hear from Pastor Robbie Godbold if he can attend Camp Ichthus as the camp pastor. At the conference, she will promote the camp. Alton suggested using Deaf young adults to lead the camp, such as, Trei Turmon and encouraged the Board to think of any other young adults in our state. Lastly, First Baptist Church of Spartanburg has given us permission to use their bus again this year to go to Camp McCall.

**Secretary / Josie McDaniel-Burkett:**

Josie stated that everything was good and looking forward to the conference.

**Interpreter Coordinator's Report / Jill DuPre:**

Jill announced that Russ Gribble will be presenting the Interpreter's workshop at the conference. She submitted the required paperwork to request RID to grant CEUs for nationally certified interpreters present at the conference. She is waiting on Russ' bio so it can be sent to NAMB. Good news, .5 CEUs will be given to those who can earn them attending the Interpreter workshop.

Jill will be attending the Southern Baptist Conference for the Deaf in Tenn. this year. Pastor Wendell Estep of First Baptist Church in Columbia will be retiring soon after 30 years of ministry service. FBC Deaf Ministry had their revival back in April and there were 56 adults and 12 kids present. Had a wonderful time at the revival.

**Treasurer / Artie Connolly:**

As of May 6, 2017, there is a total balance of \$27,964.24 in the SCBCD bank account. Attached is the Summary Report submitted by Artie.

Today, Harold Jesse and William Ramborger are auditing the books. A within an hour, both came in to the meeting and stated that the audit was perfect and good job to Artie for taking meticulous care of God's money. Both gentleman signed the audit folders and wrote a hand-written document by Harold and William stating the audit is complete.

Everything is pretty much set and ready for the conference.

**Liaison/Consultant's Report / Dr. Alton Brant:**

Alton attended the Tri-State Deaf School of Theology the last weekend of April. Folks from NC, SC and GA were there, but the numbers have dwindled. Concerns were shared about what will happen to this program if there isn't some type of change, a revival within the Deaf community. Encouraged the Board to pray for our state's Deaf community. Alton is hoping to meet with the Director of SCBC soon and other people as well to see how SCBCD and SCBC can partner together to discuss the need of the SC Deaf folks and where the leadership comes from within the community.

**Announcements:**

Per Justin, Board will eat lunch at 12pm at WOCC and afterwards there will be a Board meeting.

**Motion 4:** Artie motioned to adjourn the meeting at 1:09pm and Josie second. Artie lead us in our closing prayer.

*Josie McDaniel-Burkett*

Respectfully Submitted,  
Josie McDaniel-Burkett, Secretary