

**South Carolina Baptist Conference of the Deaf**  
**Board Meeting Minutes**  
**January 21, 2017**  
**First Baptist Church of Columbia**  
**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 - not present, excused

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 9:18am at First Baptist Church in Columbia, SC on January 21, 2017.

A copy of the drafted minutes from the November 12, 2016 meeting was emailed on January 20, 2017 to the Board. Justin asked if there was any corrections and Ezelis Sanderson offered one correction. Corrections were made to the master copy and then the minutes were approved as read, distributed, and corrected.

President announced that there were **two (2) e-motions** made:

1. On November 18, 2016, Josie McDaniel-Burkett motioned to have Dr. Alton Brant be appointed as our SCBCD Liaison/Consultant. Ezelis Sanderson second. Motion was passed unanimously.
2. On January 18, 2017, Jeremy Carpenter motioned to have SCBCD reimburse Justin Cribb for the fee of \$99.00 associated in the set-up process on the website "sbcdeaf.org". Artie Connolly second and mailed Justin a reimbursement check. Motion was passed unanimously.

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

With much joy, the Board welcomed Dr. Alton Brant for agreeing to serve as SCBCD Liaison/Consultant. Then, he expressed his thanks to everyone for coming to the board meeting.

Upon setting up the new domain name for our website, Justin and Jeremy realized that someone took the original web address, therefore, they decided to use [sbcdeaf.org](http://sbcdeaf.org) instead.

Justin shared with the Board to remember Tom Rushing in prayer since the passing of his wife, Faye Rushing on December 11, 2016.

Justin contacted conference Pastor Nathan Carter to make sure everything was going as planned and that we were looking forward to him and his family coming in June.

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

Informed the Board that all the minutes were on the SCBCD website now. Putting the minutes there will ensure all of them are easily accessible and doing this would save SCBCD at least \$500.00 in printing fees. Past minutes are in the Archives section on the website.

Josie will share more information about Event Brite and PayPal during her report.

Jeremy received a request to add a church to the Church Directory on SCBCD website, but this church is not affiliated with the Baptist Association. He asked what should be done and Justin stated that they would look at the bylaws to make sure they followed the guidelines and if there was any need for clarification, they would discuss it at the next meeting.

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

Ezelis asked if Camp Icthus is currently on the website and pictures from past camps. Jeremy said that Camp Icthus is on the website and if there was any pictures Ezelis wanted to give him to put on the website to please send them to him and he will add them to the website.

At the next board meeting, Justin will need a list of items for each SCBCD leader or presenter to look over and select the items needed during their workshops and meetings.

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

For the conference, Ezelis will need three (3) volunteers to work with the children and two (2) volunteers for the nursery. So far she has verbally secured Mary Beth Rushing and Sarah Baker for the children. Cameo McCarroll will be in the nursery and one more is needed there. Alton said he would contact the Clemson ASL students at his church and see if any of them, who are affiliated with a Baptist church, would be interested in volunteering.

She mentioned starting back up Jr. SCBCD to keep the older kids more engaged and learn how and why we are called to serve others and learn leadership skills. Ezelis would start small and nothing elaborate, but mentor youth ages 13 - 18 years old. This thought perked the ears of all the Board and we were all in support. Josie shared a couple of memories of what it was like when she was a part of Jr. SCBCD. Jeremy went through the bylaws and found the section pertaining to Jr. SCBCD. Ezelis will read over them and get familiar with the guidelines.

**Motion 1:** Jill motioned to re-instate Jr. SCBCD for youth ages 13 to 18 years old. Josie second. Motion passed unanimously.

Jill suggested that if Jr. SCBCD needing funding that we could check and see if there's anything in the Student Ministry budget as an option for start-up funding if our bylaws permit it.

Jill asked if we needed to update background checks. Our bylaws do not require it and some of the volunteers are the same ones as last year. If needed, Ezelis will run background checks on the volunteers.

President Justin Cribb stepped down from the chair and Vice President Jeremy Carpenter presides over the meeting.

**Motion 2:** Justin made a motion to have students who attend the SC School for the Deaf and the Blind (SCSBD) be invited to Camp Icthus and learn how to mentor others, be involved and their registration fee be at a reduced rate with the hopes of being a Counselor in Training for camps or at future conferences. Jill second. Jeremy announces that the noes have it and the motion is lost/failed, but with the understanding that this will be discussed in detail after the 2017 conference.

Vice President Jeremy Carpenter stepped down from the chair and President Justin Cribb presides over the meeting.

Ezelis shared that Camp Icthus will be on September 8 - 10, 2017. Within the next few days, she will be calling Camp McCall, Camp LaVida and Awanita Valley to see which camp can offer the best price. When she called before the meeting, the camps were still showing their 2016 rates. She wants to make sure that the costs are affordable to all attendees. She is leaning towards Camp McCall, but will email the Board the costs for each camp and discussion will be at the next board meeting.

Ezelis asked the Board for suggestions of who to ask to be the Camp Pastor. Robbie Godbold and Allen Sanderson were two names discussed and Ezelis will contact them to see if they are interested.

She plans to type up a letter to the President of SCSDB and invite all SCSDB students to come to Camp Icthus. This letter will be given to the President of SCSDB before the end of May 2017.

**Secretary / Josie McDaniel-Burkett:**

Josie passed out the final draft of the registration form for the 2017 conference.

Josie shared what she had found about Eventbrite and PayPal. It seems that Eventbrite is good for larger events where tickets are sold and reservations can be secured using an app on an android or iPhone. The processing fees for payments were 3% of the ticket price. In addition to the processing fee, there is a service fee of 2.5% for just having an Eventbrite account, along with, .99 cents per ticket sold when purchased using a credit card or PayPal.

**Secretary / Josie McDaniel-Burkett cont.:**

When purchasing tickets online, there is a 4.50 fee charged to the person buying the tickets. Overall, there were too many fees that SCBCD and each participant would incur fees. Board decided that wasn't the best route to go.

As for PayPal, we could set up an account for our registrants to send in their payment. There are no monthly fees, but there is a fee for each registrant paying through PayPal. SCBCD would not pay that fee. Registrants would pay the fee and it would come out of their bank account. The fee is 2.9% plus .30 cents of the amount received. For example, registrant pays 100.00 for the conference. The fee would be 2.9% plus .30 cents for the amount paid.  $\$100.00 + \$3.20 (\$2.90 + \$0.30) = 103.20$ . There is no fee to transfer funds from PayPal to SCBCD bank account. Board decided that when we met again and Artie is present, we would discuss this again.

**Treasurer / Artie Connolly:**

President Justin spoke on behalf of Artie. A treasurer's report was not given to the Board. Alton asked if SBC has given funds to SCBCD in the past and the Board was not aware of any such transactions.

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

Jill asked for Dwight Roger's contact information from Justin. Thought about the theme for the interpreter workshop to be "How an Interpreter Can Serve While Interpreting". Some suggestions were passed on to Jill regarding a Presenter for the workshop. She will continue to work on that.

Jill felt that it would be good to have at least 3 interpreters present at the conference. Went through some interpreter names and came up with a good list. She will contact them directly. Also, Jill, wanted us to keep in mind that we may have Deaf/Blind registrants, so we needed to have a backup plan if any do attend the conference.

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

Everyone present expressed their excitement to have AB on the Board. Alton shared that he had a meeting with Dr. Tim Rice with the Southern Baptist Convention. Alton shared with Dr. Rice information regarding the Deaf community in SC and how low attendance in church has impacted our community. He shared that the meeting went well and looked forward to meeting with him again.

VP Jeremy shared with Alton that there is a Church Directory on our website and Alton suggested that it would be beneficial for Dr. Rice to have that list. Alton felt it was a good idea to invite someone from the SBC to one of our SCBCD conferences. He also wanted to make sure that we were a 501 C3 organization so that SCBCD could accept donations.

Alton felt that something needed to be done to increase educational opportunities for working Pastors in our state. Justin and Jeremy shared that it is vital for them to have opportunities to take college classes when possible. Alton stated that it would be good for SCBCD to try and see how assistance could be provided for young Deaf men planning to attend college or already enrolled in college; it would be a valuable resource in their pursuit to become a Pastor or Ministry Leader.

**Announcements:**

Jill asked the Board to please pray for Lois Fountain as she presents a workshop in Augusta, GA. April 2, 2017, the First Baptist Church Deaf Ministry will host a revival and Robbie Godbold would be the Speaker/Pastor. Jill asked that SCBCD continue to pray for the FBC Deaf Ministry. Lastly, please keep Joe Looney in our prayers and visit him if possible. Longtime member of FBC, Joe is 90 years old and is now staying in a nursing home in Ridgeway.

Rev. Justin Cribb announced that our next board meeting would be announced later via email.

Dr. Alton Brant lead us in prayer and the meeting was adjourned at 12:21pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Josie McDaniel-Burkett, Secretary