

Attendance:

Joe Rodriguez, Phil Anderson, Malcolm Tyree, Keith Smelser, Rick Winford, Jason Galliher
Guests: Richard Winford

7:03 Call to Order, opened with prayer.

Minutes from 11/2016. Approved via email

Item 1. By-Laws

Received several questions about biblical guidelines regarding term limits for elders. Discussion was there are none either way. Agreed to address in early 2017 to the congregation on “biblical eldership” for church leadership.

Question from congregation regarding church plants: “how can we help church plants when we can’t fully staff our own ministries?”

Joe will continue as an elder and as chairman in 2017.

Item 2: French Students, July 31-Aug 21, 2017.

Agreed to respond that we are interested at this point, will need more info.

The company will provide more details by Jan 31; we want to limit to 12 students

Item 3: Teams

Recruitment has begun for the three new teams: Personnel, Finance/Facilities, Missions

Personnel has 5 confirmed, F/F 9 confirmed, Missions with 1 new, most current will remain.

Motion to revise draft bylaws to remove requirement for Treasurer to be chairman of F/F team. Moved by RWinford, 2nd by JRodriguez, approved via email (5 yes, 0 no, 2 abstain)

Item 4: Name Commission

Name Commission has met once, with more meetings on Dec 17, 29.

Motion to remove the d/b/a “New Life Bible Fellowship” from the draft bylaws and include only the official corporate name of “First Church of God, Dallas, Texas.” Moved by JRodriguez, 2nd by RWinford, approved via email (5 yes, 0 no, 2 abstain)

Item 5: Congregational Care

Key volunteers identified to lead the ministry, including Phil Anderson after retirement.

Training for the volunteer team for visits, including “shut-in” visiting.

Item 6. Custodial

Vicky Carter’s last day is 12/31/16.

Plan: hire part-time individual on a set schedule, not open-ended. Pay by the hours actually worked. Will be more of a directed staff employee rather than undirected.

Item 7. Financial Status

Malcolm and Dick Johns are still reviewing the books; plan to move to QuickBooks for 2017.

9:02pm Adjourn

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Winford, Secretary

First Church of God, d/b/a New Life Bible Fellowship & Vida Abundante

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