

9:31 Call to Order, Prayer Roger Hanggi (Vice Chairman)

Introduction: Roger Hanggi

Recognized diversity of ministry leadership and high levels of involvement in ministry.

Joe Rodriguez (Chairman) unable to attend

Quorum is 45

Spanish Ministry (Carlos Lamelas)

- Recognized those who have served
- Highlights from 2016: marriage seminar, seminar on evangelism and discipleship, improved attendance by husbands and whole families
- 2017 goals: teaching on moving away from superstition into knowledge, increase attendance, provide teaching on Holy Spirit and gifts of the spirit, encourage the couples who are living together into marriage

Children's Ministry (Peggy Winford, Christy Tyree, Nadia Bowman)

- Peggy recognized the success of transition of leadership away from her to other leaders
- 2016 highlights: Wed night "Kids Konnect" for Bible training, using arts, Harmony Express moved to 2/month with more leaders involved
- 2017 goals: improve scheduling of resources, communication, reduce burn-out; improve the linkages between Kids Konnect and Harmony Express; improve Cuddle Caboose

Youth Ministry (Jason Galliher / Josh Carlton)

- 2016 highlights: 16+ youth on trips and adventures; 30+ youth involved in ministry, 8 teens with no parent or family attending; 50% of youth volunteering to serve in church; 2 baptisms
- 2017 goals: increase student leadership; provide training on faith and "teen spiritual curiosity;" more baptisms, fun

Worship/Music/Arts (Malcolm Tyree)

- 2016 highlights: transition to new leadership after SRG retirement; stage modifications
- 2017 goals: additional integration with choir; additional diversity in leadership and style; grow leaders

Missions (Ron Radke)

- Changes in missions task force members; Missions committee now a "by-laws" level function.
- Recognized Richard & Linda Cannon for 23 years service to committee.
- 2016 highlights: Faith Promise pledges \$64,749. Actual income \$87,855! (Praise God)
- 2016 support for 24 individuals or organizations
- 2017 goals: FP pledges \$60,829. Will budget to spend approx. \$17,000 over "in faith."

Question: Jim Keasler: what percentage of general budget goes to missions?

Answer: 6%

Question: Richard Cannon: what other missions/ministries do we support outside of Missions Committee?

Answer: Anderson CHOG ministries, Texas General Assembly, Texas Church of God church plants.

Full congregation ministry (Malcolm Tyree)

- 2016 highlights: 5 baptisms, 1 wedding, 1 baby dedication, 3 new babies born, 300 hours volunteered at Tolbert Elementary school, more than \$100K given to missions (local and global), quite a few new attendees and volunteers serving in ministry.
- 2016 Challenges: staff transition with retirement of SGermany and PAnderson; communication challenges within the congregation
- 2017 Goals: increase attendance, 10-15 baptisms, 3 baby dedications, regional training event, 1 new family to move into vocational ministry; host at-church event for families of Tolbert.

#### Budget (Roger Hanggi)

- 2016 highlights: ended the year with deficit spending of about \$15K (expenses more than income).
- 2017 budget: (presented, attached below)
- We sold stock for about \$75K in Jan 2017; will determine how to use these funds.

Q: Jim Keasler: is the \$75K in the 2017 budget?

A: no. It's been sold but the funds are not available until late January 2017.

A: (Jim Keasler mentioned that when the stock was donated, money was moved to missions as the normal general budget share to missions at that time)

#### By-Laws (Rick Winford)

- Previous bylaws in effect since 1987
- Presented the major changes in the by-laws; proposed by-laws have been available on-line and paper copy for several weeks.
- No discussion

#### Name Change and logo (Roger Hanggi)

- Explained the new "doing business as" (d/b/a) name option: "New Vida Church of God"
- Committee formed in December to discuss and review options; this is their recommendation
- Three logos presented

#### Voting Results

	Yes	No	
Budget	79	0	
By-laws	78	1	
Ratification of Elders			
Jim Brase (1 year)	76	2	
Jason Galliher (2 year)	76	2	
Joe Rodriguez (1 year)	79	0	
Keith Smelser (3 year)	78	1	
d/b/a Name Change	75	4	
Elders Minutes as official minutes of corporation	73	0	
	A	B	C
Logo Preference	34	12	15

Official results counted and certified by Richard Johns and Vicky Carter

Adjourn after Spanish voting following worship service.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Winford, Secretary

First Church of God, d/b/a New Vida Church of God

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