

MINUTES OF THE APOSTOLIC COUNCIL MEETING
December 3, 4 2010
CHURCH OF GOD, 7TH DAY

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Warren Randall at 9:00 am on 12-03-10.
Invocation was given by Alfonso Telesca.

Roll call of those present taken from the signature sheet which was passed around:

Delwin DeLong, Moises Torres Martinez, Gary Mills, Warren Randall, Ricky Herrera, Manuel Gonzalez, Hubert Matthew, Errol Noel, Jerry Womble, David Royer, Alfonso Telesca, Daniel Cruz, Tim Beuchner, Bond Tennent, David DeLong, George Tyson, Walter Goff, Tommy Herrera, Mario Cantu, Paul Herrera, Pascacio Tazizon, Osman, Pineda, and Joel Cruz.

Minutes of the last meeting, June 4 and 6 2010 were read by Gary Mills.

Motion was made by Errol Noel and seconded by Jerry Womble to accept the minutes with two corrections. On page 2 the 3rd paragraph should read the State of Mexico instead of Mexico City. On page 3 the next to last paragraph should read a woman from Oregon instead of a woman from Texas. Passed unanimously.

A brief report was given by the Board of Seven as to the current financial state of the church. Financials continue to be tight as we are currently showing a loss for 2010 of \$13,312.

OLD BUSINESS:

Report was given on the work in California. Things continue to go well. The church in California continues to work with people in Oxnard and Fresno. The last 6 months work has been done on the church building to renovate the womens and visitors restrooms.

Report was given on the work in Africa. Kenya is doing well. Kenya appreciated the Lord's Supper Offering. The money was used to help 11 churches in Kenya. There are 14 large churches (70 – 186 members) and 26 other small churches in Kenya. They plan on helping other churches in the area with the next Lord's Supper offering that is sent. The Sudan is not developed much. Congo region is covered by the brethren in Kenya.

Report was given on the work in India. Brother Kanakaratnam's wife had a stroke and is bed ridden. Request was made to increase the salary of M Yeheshuva by \$100 per month.

Report was given on the work in the Philippines. They continue to have questions about the new doctrinal points. Members of the Denver church there are saying we are changing our doctrines. Two influential members in the Philippines are moving to Hawaii.

Report was given on the churches in Mexico. The church continues to grow there. They are doing OK financially which has helped them to continue to expand church construction, finance ministers, and provide Spanish language literature. A church building in the State of Mexico can house 400 people. There is a lot of violence in Mexico and it can be a dangerous place. They would like to expand printing the Spanish language Advocate of Truth from once a Quarter to once every 2 months. They also do ministry work with Argentina and Uruguay.

Report was given on the work in Honduras and Central America. Honduras is doing well. Osman Pinerda from Honduras attended the meeting. There are 106 baptized members and 4 locations. 70 youth, 12 ministers. They have a working Board of Seven. They are planning on building a new church building in Santa Barbara. Nicaragua is growing as well. 120 members there. It is a very poor area.

Moises Torres and Ricky Herrera plan on visiting Costa Rica in July. There are 15 members there.

Report was given on the church in Panama. Walter Goff from Panama attended the meeting. There are 2 groups in Panama that meet. Panama helps support Honduras outreach efforts. Panama made a trip to Columbia. It is a very dangerous place to travel in. The registration documents for the church there need to be updated. They will need a letter from the Twelve in the United States to help with this.

Report was given on the work in Texas. Stinnet is doing well. They continue to sponsor a young lady in Kenya to go to school to learn to teach. They have painted their church building.

Seagoville is doing OK. There have been some issues with some members. Seagoville ministers continue to help a lot with the Houston church, especially Tommy Herrera. Tim Beuchner and Mario Cantu also help a lot there. Houston church still meeting in the same location. A lot of work has been done to fix up the church. They will continue to need help on the mortgage/rent for the next 6 months. Asked for an increase in the amount of help provided. The church youth retreat in San Antonio went very well. Plan on having another youth retreat in 2011.

Report was given on the work in Canada. Ken Houseley still having medical issues and continues to need prayers. Kent Cornwell helped with some baptisms in Tahiti.

Report was given on the work in Ohio. They had one baptism this summer.

Report was given on Myanmar. Brethren there are very diligent. Pictures of the church will be in the January Advocate. The ministers there are farmers and are poor. They can use used clothing. Some have to walk for 2 days to go to a church conference.

Discussion was held on Grenada and the Caribbean. Septimus John is doing better after suffering a small stroke. There were 2 baptisms in Grenada in the last 6 months. Brother Alton Powell has also been sick. St. Martin church has some problems with Pentecostal clapping of hands. Overall the Caribbean is holding steady. No work has been done on the Tobago church yet. Brethren in Grenada would like to make a trip to Jamaica.

A break was taken at 12:15. Prayer by Delwin DeLong.

Meeting reconvened at 1:15. Prayer by Bond Tennent.

Report was given on the work in Florida. Warren Randall performed George Stackpole's funeral. Florida church is doing phone conferences of services on Sabbath. Seven people conference in. Continuing upkeep of dot com web site.

Report was given on the work in Monterrey. The church is doing well there. Pictures were shown of the church in Monterrey. There are 170 people there.

Out of discretionary funds, \$1,457 was sent for reimbursement to Louiselle Comeau, and \$800 was sent to Moises Torres for a trip.

Report was given on the work in Salem West Virginia.

Ricky Herrera gave a ministers report on his work over the last 6 months. He made several trips to Panama, Round Rock, Macho Pango Virginia, and Houston. Paul Herrera and his wife have been sick and not able to make trips. Doing better now. People in Las Vegas have all left.

Report was given on the work in the Ukraine. Trips that money was sent for have been made.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion was made by David Royer and seconded by Bond Tennent to refer to the Board of Seven to increase the salary of M Yeheshuva from \$200 per month to \$300 per month. Passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Delwin DeLong and seconded by Pascacio Tavizon to increase the salary of Moises Torres by \$200 per month. Passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Paul Herrera and seconded by Ricky Herrera to set the Lord's Supper date for 2011 on Sunday evening April 17 Roman time, the beginning of April 18 Bible time. Passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Jerry Womble and seconded by Moises Torres to earmark the Lords Supper Offering for 2011 to be used for foreign field work and to be equally divided between India, Kenya, and Myanmar. Passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Manuel Gonzalez and seconded by Errol Noel to refer to the Board of Seven to provide up to \$3,500 for assistance to the California church for outreach trips and building upgrades. Passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Tim Beuchner and seconded by Alfonso Telesca to refer to the Board of Seven to provide \$2,400 for assistance to the Houston church for the next 6 months. Passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Errol Noel and seconded by Hubert Matthew to refer to the Board of Seven to provide up to \$3,000 for a trip to Jamaica and possibly St. Martin. Passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Jerry Womble and seconded by Delwin DeLong to refer to the Board of Seven to continue the \$100 per month payments for the maintenance agreement for the dot com site. Passed unanimously.

Motion was made by David Royer and seconded by Alfonso Telesca to refer to the Board of Seven to pay Warren Randall an additional salary of \$155 for each week that he travels for church work. Passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Moises Torres and seconded by Paul Herrera to refer to the Board of Seven to provide \$1,800 to support the ministry work in Nicaragua for the next 6 months. Passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Paul Herrera and seconded by Hubert Matthew to have the next Apostolic Council meeting in Salem West Virginia on June 2 thru June 5, 2011. Passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:10 pm by chairman Warren Randall

Closing prayer given by Tim Beuchner.

The meeting was reconvened on December 4 at 6:00 pm. Prayer was given by Manuel Gonzalez.

The Board of Seven reported that all issues referred to them were approved in the Board of Seven meeting.

Discussion was held that Warren Randall and Ricky Herrera will take a trip to Panama in late December or early January.

Motion was made by Delwin DeLong and seconded by Errol Noel to send Warren Randall and Ricky Herrera to Panama. Expenses will be covered through their normal minister reimbursements. Passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 pm.

Closing prayer given by David Royer.

Respectfully submitted by

Gary Mills