

**Church of God in Arkansas**  
**General Assembly**  
**July 17, 2022**  
**9:30 A.M.**

**Opening Prayer -**

**OLD MINUTES**

**Motion to accept old minutes Michael Blasingame second Jerry Riddle**

**Financial Report given by Kevin Sims**

- *Motion to accept report Danny Smith second Betty Baxley*

**Board of Elders Report by Kevin Sims**

- We always have time in prayer
- Met 3 times last year
- Consulted with Jim throughout the year
- Discussion of Ministry support projects
- Met with MetLife and were told to just leave it invested as is (wise counsel)
- Bump in State Ministry Directors salary for Jim Eustace

**Credentials Committee Report by Bob Burchfield**

- Some comments about our speaker Ken Love (challenges and cleansing)
- Big thanks to our worship leaders for the convention
- Thanks to Mike Neal
- Met with Jason Hunt Paragould (things are looking up in Arkansas)
- Met with Anna Morris (leadership focus)
- Met with Zac DeYoung
- Met with Roy Willis (church plant)
- Leadership Focus is a work in progress but is working out the kinks
- Request to pray for our ministers
- Rachel Blasingame has stepped in to manage Leadership Focus

**Nominating Committee Report by Danny Smith**

- Met via zoom
- Opened in prayer
- Reading of minutes from meeting

**Children and Youth Report by Jeff Irving**

- We did have camp!
- Met at Camp Pathway (it was great)
- One of the best camps we've ever had
- Brad Duncan was our speaker

- Eagle Point were worship leaders
- Jeff's sister spoke about anxiety/depression
- Cannon's Testimony
- We do not have dates for next year
- Brief comments from Shane Matthews
- Brenda Duff did an awesome job leading children's camp

#### **CWC Report by Carol Lewis**

- Didn't meet in 2020
- Have met, and planned in May of 2021
- Informed that the Arrington's were retiring...Kathy was the president
- We need a president and vice president

#### **Ministry Directors Report by Jim Eustace**

- Thanks given to all of the leaders in each ministry
- Asked Jerry for an update on Mike and Jeannie Ebert
- Updates on many of the churches in the state
- Comments about his heart for ministry and having no desire to receive compensation

#### **Budget Presentation by Shane Matthews**

#### **Voting (20 total)**

Carol Lewis Observer

Tellers Jeannie Burchfield and Bill DeYoung

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

- Website Updates and Encouragement to check it out
- BIG thanks to Bob Burchfield and Linda McConnell for their service
- Bob thanked the state for approving Jim's housing allowance and for Jim
- Discussion about GA meeting being on separate date than convention  
(Summer Convention in July and GA in September)

#### **Motion to adjourn by Danny Smith second by Bert Brown**

#### **NEW MINUTES**

#### **Michael and Jerry Motion and Second to accept old minutes as read.**

#### **Board of Elders (Kevin Sims)**

- Met 3-4 times, always in prayer
- Discussed how to implement the budget
- Jim always shares and seeks counsel from us on everything
- We always have unity in our meetings
- Shane and Ashley are coming off the board

- The Board is open to discussion, questions, suggestions, we are here to serve you

### **Credentialing Report (Bob Burchfield)**

- Credentialing is a burden of love
- Rachel is doing a great job
- The team is working well together (K.C. and Mike)
- Leo and their church is really producing new ministers
- Comments on the challenges of Pastoring today
- Bob counted 40 things that he has had to address during his time in Credentialing , and has enjoyed the service, but it is not always easy work
- Shared comments on being The Watchmen on the Wall as Pastors
- Pray for your Pastors

### **State Children and Youth Ministry Update (Jeff Irving)**

- Brenda Duff is our Children's Director and has done a wonderful job
- Asked for a call to lay on hands and pray over camps (Shane Matthews prayed)
- Yancey Duff challenged us to fast and pray, to do battle in The Spiritual Realm for these camps
- The Camps are Spirit led
- Discussed counselors in training and raising up students to minister
- Discussed City Connection Food ministry (10,000 Meals)
- Theme this year is influencers
- We are in a fight for our youth and they need to know their identity is in Christ
- Please pray for us daily during camp

### **CWC Report (Michelle)**

- Had a meeting April 30th 2022 to discuss continuing this ministry or discontinuing, it was voted to continue if they could retain a president and vice president. Michelle accepted the position as president, Velma Wilson is assistant coordinator, Jessica Duff, Carol Lewis recording, New Beginnings Ministry (ministry opportunities), So Big 22 Women of Uganda, Tabled Southern Arkansas Churches ideas to serve, \$12,000 for scholarship fund, Fall Retreat Schedule (Fanning the Flame) Carol Cordsmeyer, Breakout sessions, we want all women to attend, not just CWC
- Request for personal prayer in upcoming meetings about CWC on National level

### **Nominating Committee Report (Danny Smith)**

- One and a half hour zoom meeting
- Everyone had a passionate desire to find the right people that God wanted in these positions
- Each position has been prayed over thoroughly
- Reading of minutes

### **Financial Report (Michael Blasingame)**

- Some clarifications were made about giving to Partners in Missions, Robb Elementary

- K.C. suggested having some of these others organiz
- K.C. and Danny voted and seconded to accept the financial report

### **State Ministry Director Report (Jim Eustace)**

- Voiced his appreciation for Jeff Irving
- Voiced his support for Michelle and what she finds out at CWC National Meeting
- General reporting on the state of affairs in The Church of God Anderson (National)
- Jim shared that this was one of the best Conventions
- Shared a letter from Dr. Claypool Director of the Church of God in Arkansas (Ten.)
- Jim believes The Church of God in Arkansas is moving in the right direction
- We will be back at Community Park next year
- This years retreat September 22nd leaving 24th Mathers Lodge Petit Jean \$100
- He is currently working on Spring Meeting

### **Pastors Fellowship (Tommy Walker)**

- Winchester Kentucky
- Doctrines and Theology of The Church of God
- We sing Theology
- You will get the core of Church of God Theology and Doctrine only
- If you haven't been, please go

### **Budget Presentation**

- No comments about proposed budget

### **Discussion of the Proposed Changes to The By-Laws**

- Concerning the date being moved from a mandatory July meeting to the option of moving it to September for a time separate from Convention
- Mike Ebert voiced his opinion about changing the meeting date, suggesting that it may be too difficult for ministers who travel long distances to attend another meeting apart from the Convention

### **Voting**

Michael and Bill DeYoung passed out ballots

Tellers Bill DeYoung and Mike Neal

### **25 in attendance (23 voting)**

All positions passed

Budget Approved

By-Law changes Approved

### **Mike and Tommy Motion and Second to adjourn meeting and pray over Michelle**

**Respectfully Submitted**  
**Pastor Shane Matthews**  
**Secretary of The Elder Board, Church of God in Arkansas**