

**Knoxville District Baptist Association
March Executive Board Meeting Minutes
March 15, 2014, 10:00 a.m.
Held at First Baptist Church—Roseberry City**



The meeting was officially called to order at 10:00 a.m. by our Presider, Elder Christopher Battle (Pastor of Tabernacle Baptist Church).

The Devotional Service was given by the KDBA Laymen's Ministry (accompanied by Bro. Aaron Staple); the devotion included "Come and Go To That Land," scripture (Ephesians 2:1-10) read by Bro. Melvin Love, prayer by Bro. Robert Dubose, followed by "I Woke Up This Morning With My Mind Stayed on Jesus."

The official welcome was given by Rev. Cedric Jackson (Pastor of First Baptist Church—Roseberry City)

The Devotional Message was delivered by Rev. Dexter Mims, Sr. (Pastor of St. Paul Baptist Church); scripture was taken from Matthew 11:28-30; his message was entitled "An Invitation From Jesus." Specific notes include: we are to make the house of God a place where people can meet Jesus; Jesus gave an invitation with no restrictions; Jesus said "Just Come"; there is no rest in the church, the rest is within each of us; in Genesis, God rested on the seventh day—not because he was tired, but because he was finished. The Invitation to Discipleship was extended by Elder Battle with Sis. Carolyn Wilkerson singing "Old Rugged Cross" accompanied by Bro. Aaron Staple.

The Offering was received by the KDBA Finance Ministry.

Elder Tomma Battle announced a special event "I Choose," sponsored by the Health Department to be held on Saturday, April 12th, from 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. at Tabernacle Baptist Church. She explained what the event consisted of and its benefits to our youth (ages 13 to 19). She has distributed flyers and permission slips. Elder Tomma Battle also stated that she needs the names of the youth leaders from each church. The Moderator thanked Elder Battle for the information and announced to the Body that Elder Tomma Battle has been appointed as the KDBA Youth Director. Rev. Melvin Wright (Pastor of Bethany Baptist Church) is now the Chairman of the Mission Ministry for the District.

Elder Tommie Mims (Pastor of Mt. Zion Baptist Church/Oak Ridge) presented the following Annual Session Congress Information:

Proposed Classes:

- Facing The Giants (help with the fear of witnessing)
- Developing A Wholesome or Holistic Attitude
- Ministry of Deacons
- Out of the Stands and Into the Game; taught by Rev. Melvin Wright; based on Acts 4:1-22
- The Power of the Gospel To Motivate
- The Music Ministry in the Missionary Baptist Church (Bro. Aaron Staple)
- The Ministry of the Office Staff; taught by Sis. Robin Whitmore
- The Book of Acts
- Scriptural Memorization

Elder Mims is proposing that the youth of the District incorporate the following classes into their sessions:

- Facing The Giants (help with the fear of witnessing)
- Out of the Stands and Into the Game; taught by Rev. Melvin Wright; based on Acts 4:1-22
- Scriptural Memorization

Brother Melvin Love stated that he would like to see a class taught on “Teaching Teachers To Teach” in the area of Sunday School and Bible Study; Elder Mims stated that he will definitely research that possibility. **He will have more information on the classes and their designated teachers at our May Board Meeting.**

KDBA Business Session

The Moderator (Elder Dr. Joe B. Maddox) thanked Elder Christopher Battle for developing today’s program. The Business Session was officially called to order. The Moderator went over the Proposed Agenda with the District members and asked for any additions; there were none; it was motioned to accept the agenda by Rev. Joseph Smith (Pastor of New Friendship Baptist Church); seconded by Rev. Dexter Mims.

The minutes from the KDBA November Board Meeting were read by the District Secretary; it was motioned to accept the minutes by Rev. Joseph Smith (Pastor of New Friendship Baptist Church); seconded by Rev. Dexter Mims.

The Moderator stated that the container to the Salama Church did arrive and the pastor there was very appreciative.

The Moderator encouraged those present to attend both the Health Department event, as well as our Usher Fashion Show, which are held on the same day. He stated that there is plenty of time to attend both.

The Moderator stated that the Congress classes sound great and that he is looking forward to more information concerning them. He added that he will be teaching a course (Evangelism, Discipleship, and Training) at New Hope and Tabernacle will be hosting the same course. He requested that those interested in attending please discuss this with their pastor prior to attending. He also asked that if other Pastors/Churches are conducting open training events to please inform the District.

The Financial Report was distributed by Sis. LaDalia Logan. She stated that the report shows incoming figures only. She also stated that scholarship money was returned from Walter State when a recipient transferred schools. The money was reallocated appropriately.

Reverend Joe Smith asked what happened with the CDs being cashed in and allocated to the General Fund. Sis. Logan stated that churches have not been paying their \$500 allotment for scholarships. The Scholarship Banquet in 2013 caused the District to be in the hole; the District had to use Operating Funds to pay scholarships; therefore, the money was replaced with the money from the matured CDs. The Moderator stated that we will address the scholarship issue during our May Board Meeting; the Financial Report was received as given.

The Moderator stated that he is not pleased with the District website; Rev. Richard Brown (Pastor of Payne Avenue Baptist Church) asked if we have individuals in charge of maintaining the website? The Moderator stated that we are working on it and that **the website issue will be resolved by the May Board meeting.**

The Moderator asked Bro. Aaron Staple if he had met with the District Choir President and Rev. Joseph Tolbert (Pastor of Foster Chapel Baptist Church/Vice Moderator); Bro. Staple stated that he had contacted Foster Chapel and that he was waiting on Pastor Tolbert to call him back; Sis. Carolyn Wilkerson (Choir President) stated that she was unaware that there was a problem; further discussion was held regarding the matter; the Moderator stated that he would like for the **Choir President to discuss this issue with Bro. Staple and Vice Moderator Tolbert and make an official recommendation at the May Board meeting.**

Request for Receiving KDBA Funds

Moderator Maddox stated that the procedure for receiving funds had been discussed at the 2013 Annual Session; he added that all requests should be submitted on a voucher; ministries should plan their events in advance; the voucher requires two signatures; he would like for everyone to follow the procedure.

New Business

The Moderator stated that there will be a Budget Request Form given to each ministry. **Each District ministry should supply a breakdown of all events and an alternate source of funds. The Budget Request Forms should be turned in by the November Board meeting.** This will allow the committee time to have the budget completed before the Annual Session.

Bro. Rick Staples asked if ministry had to turn in a budget and raise their own funds; the Moderator explained that the budget was comprised of money “earmarked” for a certain event; that ministry should plan to raise funds for the event; ministry money that is not used will not roll over to the next year; Rev. Dr. Harold Middlebrook added that the District budget is “proposed” not actual; Rev. Richard Brown stated that most of our proposed budget is for general expenses. The Moderator added that ministries should issue “thank you” letters to those who give to their ministries for tax purposes.

Elder Maddox thanked everyone, once again, for coming. He reminded the attendees about the Scholarship Program and to please come out and support the event.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:40 a.m. with prayer by the Moderator.

ACTION ITEMS

TASK	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DATE TO BE COMPLETED
Supply detailed information regarding Annual Session 2014 classes and their designated teachers	Elder Tommie Mims	May Board meeting, 5/17
Website resolution	Moderator Maddox/Vice Moderator Chris Battle	May Board meeting, 5/17
Choir Day resolution	Sis. Carolyn Wilkerson	May Board meeting, 5/17
Budget Request Form	Vice Moderator Chris Battle/ Sis. LaDalia Logan	May Board meeting, 5/17