

**MINUTES OF THE BUSINESS MEETING  
OF THE  
SESSION OF THE KNOXVILLE DISTRICT BAPTIST ASSOCIATION  
Held With the  
Mt. Olive Baptist Church, Knoxville, TN  
August 16, 2018**

The Business Session of the 123<sup>rd</sup> Annual Session of the Knoxville District Baptist Association was called to order, Thursday, August 16, 2018 at the Mount Olive Baptist Church, by Moderator Christopher Battle. Prayer was offered by Vice Moderator Richard Brown. The Moderator gave recognition to all State and National officers that were present.

Minutes of the May Board meeting were read by the Secretary, Charlene Lewis. Vice Moderator Brown offered a motion to accept the minutes, seconded by Rev. Margaret Mack. Upon a vote, the motion passed, and the minutes were accepted.

**REPORT OF COMMITTEES**

The following committee reports were made:

- Scholarship Committee – Three \$1,000.00 scholarships will be presented at tonight's session
- Statistical Report – Given by Sister Brenda Brabson
- Time and Place – Given by the Secretary
- Finance/Budget Committee – Given by Financial Secretary Aleda Douglas
  - As of July 31<sup>st</sup>, the balance on hand was \$4,051.00. Sister Douglas asked whether or not the Finance Committee should roll over certificates of deposit (CDs) at the time of maturity in October. Vice Moderator suggested pulling out the two certificates that will become due in October. Pastor Franklin suggested exploring other options that would give a better return on the investments. Vice Moderator Brown offered a motion that the Finance Committee contact the bank to pull out CDs that mature in October and November and bring back a recommendation to the District Body what options are available to us during the November Board meeting. The motion was seconded by Corresponding Secretary Robin Whitmore. Following the vote, the motion passed.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

The Moderator informed the District Body that the Basketball Tournament scheduled for last week had been cancelled due to lack of participation.

Rev. Mack expressed concern for the lack of concern for the work of the Association, such as, when information is brought back and only a few persons show up for the meetings, no action can be taken. Moderator Battle stated that there would be a recommendation made and persons present would constitute a voting quorum.

Vice Moderator Brown asked if there was a mechanism in place for reaching out to churches that are inactive and getting them back into active status. Moderator Battle suggested that if the Vice Moderator would like to work on that project, he could. Vice Moderator Charles Lomax, Jr. stated that as Vice Moderator of Administration, this project falls under his duties and he would take charge of it, while welcoming help from Vice Moderator Brown. Former Moderator Harold Middlebrook shared that in the

past, the District or the Moderator would reach out to not only the pastor, but to other Lay persons in the district churches to become involved in district work. He also stated that maybe the younger pastors don't understand the concept of being "Associational" as Baptists.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

Moderator Battle shared two options for new proposal for church assessments for 2019 (see attached). After a lengthy discussion on both options, Former Moderator Joe B. Maddox offered a motion that the District adopt Option 1 for the 2018/2019 year; it was seconded by Sister Whitmore. Moderator Middlebrook said that he would rather have the second be made by a pastor rather than a lay person, since a pastor would have to make certain decisions about their church. The second was then made by Vice Moderator Joseph Smith. Prior to the vote there were three individuals with 'unreadiness'. Following further discussion and the resolution of those unreadinesses, the motion passed.

Moderator Middlebrook asked if there was a time during the Session for ministers and pastors to meet to have discussions on various issues. Moderator Battle said that there would be a time set up after the close of the Annual Session.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Following other discussions, the meeting was adjourned in prayer by Host Pastor Jesse Williams.

Respectfully Submitted,

Charlene Lewis, Secretary

Elder Christopher R. Battle, Sr., Moderator