

Minutes of 100<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting  
Of Milam County Baptist Association

October 14, 2018

Meadowbrook Baptist Church, Rockdale, TX

Moses Vaca, Presiding

Steve Ammons welcomed the attendees, followed by a guitar special.

Shaun Bradshaw read Psalm 133 and led the congregation in prayer.

Moses Vaca seated the messengers.

Moses appointed John Self, Tim Cheatham, and Luther Shelander as the Sermon Committee.

Charles Cole greeted the guests: Gordon Knight of SBTC, Tim Marrow of BGCT and Judy and Ira Sansom of Highland Lakes Encampment. (All of whom went to the wrong church and were late).

Moses Vaca presented the slate of officers for 2019. Tim Cheatham made a motion to accept the list as printed. Seconded by Bob Meaker. Motion passed unanimously.

Moses Vaca presented the 2019 calendar. John Self make a motion to approve the calendar as printed. Belia Vaca seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Charles Cole presented the September financial report. Pat Campbell made a motion to accept the report as printed. Peggy Meaker seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Charles Cole presented the 2019 budget. June Sanders made a motion to accept the report as printed. Richard Todd seconded. Budget was unanimously approved as printed.

#### DOM Report

Charles Cole began by reading out of the 1918 minutes of Milam County Baptist Association. DOM Report to Annual Meeting

2018 has been a year of challenges. FIRM Area churches and staff have been under heavy attack by Satan and the strain on the churches shows. I urge all to be in constant prayer for their church and for the staff that serves them. We have had many unusual problems to assist our churches with during this past year. I thank our God that he is faithful to give us wisdom as we go through these changes. At the beginning of October, FIRM Area has only three churches that are without a pastor. Only one of those is currently searching for a pastor. The other two are either in an interim or about to begin an interim ministry.

As this year winds down, I reflect on the past 14 years as your Director of Missions and I thank my God for giving me the best job in the world. I have had the privilege, along with my wife working with me, to serve 86 of the very best churches in the world. We love every one of the FIRM Area churches and the people that make up those churches. Over those years we have had the privilege of leading to build 6 new homes for people that have lost their homes, we have built 5 new church buildings, and remodeled or helped remodel 5 others. We have assisted in many various endeavors of disaster relief, including helping over 130 families displaced and hurt by Hurricane Harvey, along with distributing disaster relief supplies totaling over 2 tons to victims of disasters. On October 20, we took funds to a family near Marble Falls that lost everything in the Llano River floods of that week. GOD has used FIRM Area Churches to bless so many.

In those 14 years we have helped start 13 new churches. These thirteen new churches have baptized over 1000 people. (incidentally, even though most have not completed their ACP's early indications are that baptisms across FIRM Area are up over 2017 levels.)

I have counselled 21 of those churches over various issues this past year and have filled a pulpit in supply on 31 occasions. It has been a very busy year. We took a group of 34 missionaries representing 9 of our area churches for a week-long mission trip to Mescalero, New Mexico, where we finished a construction project started by a church from George West, Texas, to add a classroom to the Mescalero building. We also conducted Vacation Bible School for 36 children and led evening special movie outreach events. God brought 6 of those children so they could respond to the Gospel and receive Jesus. There is much more I could highlight, but simply want to again thank you for allowing Brenda and I to serve along side of you as your director of Missions. May God richly bless each of you and the churches you represent in the years ahead.

In Jesus Service

### *Bro. Charles Cole*

Gordon Knight gave a report from the Southern Baptists of Texas Convention.

Tim Marrow gave a report from the Texas Baptists Convention.

Moses Vaca asked for a report from the Sermon committee. John Self reported that Jason Lasher was selected to bring the annual sermon for 2019 and that Adam Lake was selected as the alternate.

Steve Ammons quoted Matthew 6:33 and explained the search process for a new Director of Missions and then presented Patrick Knowlton as the candidate. Steve Ammons made a motion that Patrick Knowlton be confirmed as the selection of the Search Committee made up of Buddy Sipe, Jerry Hacker, Freddy Burden, Darren Donaldson, and Steve Ammons. Bob Meaker seconded. The selection of the committee was affirmed by a unanimous vote.

Isaac, a member of the Meadowbrook youth group, played "How Great Thou Art" on the Malophone. Followed by congregational singing "Amazing Grace" led by Becky Phillips.

Steve Ammons, pastor of Meadowbrook Baptist Church, brought the annual sermon. "How Can I Help? He brought forth the theory that many believe "I love you" is the most powerful statement a person can make, but he believes that "How can I help you?" is even more powerful because it indicates that a person is willing to come alongside and take action on another's behalf. The apostle Paul tells churches that other churches were suffering for their faith, yet they were filled with joy. In verses 3-5 They gave above and beyond what they had so that other churches could be blessed. They begged Paul to take their offering/gift.

Jesus came to die in our place, but He didn't stay in the grave. Brother Steve closed with an invitation to make one's life right with God.

Moses Vaca presented the officers for 2019

Moderator -Steve Ammons

Vice-Moderator- Matt Higginbotham

Treasurer-FIRM Area

Clerk-John Self

Shaun Bradshaw, associate pastor at Meadowbrook, led in a benediction.

Host church churches served sandwiches and chips along with a cake celebrating the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary.