

**FMC Conference
December 5, 2009
Business Meeting Minutes**

The meeting was called to order at 9:56 a.m.

The September 20, 2008 Conference Minutes were presented as printed in the Conference bulletin. Joni Gencarelli motioned to suspend reading the Minutes. The motion was seconded and approved by the conference. The conference noted the following corrections to the printed Minutes: at the bottom of page 5, add the last name of "Owens" to Lorna; on page 6 delete the phrase "revisit" in the fourth paragraph; on page 7 change "in" to "is" on the first Announcement. The Chair called for a vote to approve the Minutes as amended. The vote carried.

The Chair was turned over to Denny Miller who called for a motion to sustain Bob Watkins as Mission Center President. Tom Hentz moved to sustain Bob Watkins as President of the Florida Mission Center. The motion was seconded and the vote carried with no discussion. Carol Law moved to sustain Jane Watkins as Florida Mission Center Financial Officer. The motion was seconded and the vote carried with no discussion.

Bob Watkins then took the chair and asked for a motion to sustain the FMC Council as printed in the bulletin. Rick Mills moved to sustain the FMC Council. The motion was seconded and discussion followed. The conference noted there were no women on the Council list. The Chair noted that he was waiting for answers from some people still that were not listed and that names can be added later. He also offered thanks to all those that have served in the past on the Council.

Ballots were distributed for voting for World Conference delegates. Additional nominations taken from the conference were Crystal Hazelwood and Bill Wegner. The names on the ballot were read aloud so the nominees could stand if present before voting. The conference was instructed to vote for no more than 40 nominees. The ballots were collected after voting was finished.

Bob Watkins suspended the conference for pre-legislative discussion at 10:37 a.m.

Bob Watkins called the meeting back to order at 2:00 p.m. He then shared a message about the importance and sacredness of community. He shared that God loves us all and that we are a church built on community. He advised that all comments in the upcoming business should be made to the Chair. He reminded the conference of the need to treat each other with respect; we are like family and we do not want to lose anyone because of difficult issues like the resolutions to be presented. He encouraged the conference to honor God and honor each other today and respond to God's call for the mission center no matter the direction.

Betty Wood shared comments about generosity and an offering was collected to offset conference expenses.

Cindy Campbell motioned to approve Resolution #1120509 Same-Gender Marriage and Commitment Ceremonies for approval to be sent to the world church. The motion was seconded. Cindy then spoke in support of the resolution. Bob enlisted the rule of alternates; the first person for and against the issue were given five minutes to speak to the issue; then others were given 3 minutes each. Discussion ensued. Discussion included the importance of listening to the Holy Spirit and use of the scriptures in understanding the issue of homosexuality.

Irene Stoffer moved to amend the resolution. The proposed amendment was read and the motion seconded. Irene then spoke to the amendment and the conference responded with request for clarification. The proposed amendment was discussed and then the chair called for the vote. The amendment failed.

Alternating discussion continued - concerns were expressed for members in other countries that would be affected negatively if legislation of this nature were passed. The worth of all persons and the belief that God loves everyone were expressed; scripture references were cited in support of homosexual behavior as a sin; the Chair called the question to see if the conference was ready to vote and the conference voted by majority to vote on the resolution. The chair called for the vote on the resolution; the vote carried.

Cindy Campbell moved to consider Resolution #2120509 Giftedness, Diversity, and Priesthood. The motion was seconded. Cindy Campbell then spoke in support of the resolution. Following the Rule of Alternates, brief discussion ensued. Scripture references were again cited by those both for and against the resolution. The Chair called the question if the conference was ready to vote and the conference voted yes unanimously. The Chair called for a vote on the resolution. The vote carried.

Nanette Dizney took the Chair. Bill Wegner moved to consider the 2010 FMC Budget, the motion was seconded. Joni Gencarelli moved to approve the budget as printed in the bulletin, the motion was seconded. The vote carried unanimously.

Bob Watkins took the Chair and called for new business. None was presented.

Tony Gencarelli moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded. The vote carried unanimously.

The conference adjourned at 3:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Debbie Bartlett