

May 19, 2021

The 2021 Solid Rock Annual Church Council

After dinner, Pastor Jay Bailey received the Teller's Report and ascertained a quorum of the voting membership was present. He called the meeting to order.

Pastor Bailey invited Scotty Scott to pray to open the Annual Church Council.

Pastor Bailey called on Scotty Scott for the presentation of the 2020 Annual Church Council Minutes. Scotty Scott made a motion to forego the reading of 2020 minutes. Bob Ebert seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Pastor Bailey recognized the existing board and thanked them for their service.

Pastor Bailey explained that the church would be filling 2 vacancies during this Council. Pastor Bailey invited Scotty Scott, chair of the Deacon Nominating Committee, to explain the Deacon Nominating Process to the church body. Following the explanation by Scotty Scott, Pastor Bailey introduced the 2 Deacon candidates and their wives: Richard Sanders and Devin James. The candidates were invited to stand so that they could be seen by the church body. Pastor Bailey instructed that everyone should submit their ballot with only 2 names. Pastor Bailey prayed over the elections. The ballots were cast and collected by the Teller Committee.

Pastor Bailey explained that the membership had been provided with two proposed resolutions to consider. Pastor Bailey reviewed requirements for revising the church constitution and by-laws. Pastor invited Scotty Scott to the podium to read and summarize each of the two proposed changes.

The first resolution was proposing a change to the date of the Annual Church Council. The current requirement is for the Annual Church Council to be held within the month of February. The proposed change would allow for the annual church council to be held any month from January to April.

Scotty Scott made a motion to accept the proposed resolution. The resolution was seconded by Bob Ebert and unanimously passed.

The second resolution proposed a change in the required quorum of members present to conduct church business at the Annual Church Council or any special called business meeting. The current requirement is that 50% of the church membership must be in attendance to establish a quorum that is required to conduct church business. The proposed change would allow for the quorum to be changed from 50% to 33%. Scotty Scott made a motion to accept the proposed resolution. The resolution was seconded by Bob Ebert. Some discussion followed regarding the proposed resolution. Bob Ebert made a motion to “call the question,” or in other words to end the discussion. Pastor Bailey called for a voice vote to end the discussion and the motion passed. Pastor Bailey then called for a voice vote on the resolution to amend the quorum percentage and the resolution overwhelmingly passed.

Andy Cottle, chair of the Teller Committee, informed the Secretary and Pastor Bailey of the Deacon election results. Pastor Bailey announced that the 2 Deacon positions had been filled on the first ballot. Richard Sanders and Devin James were elected on the first ballot. Pastor Bailey asked each of the new board members to address the congregation.

Pastor Bailey introduced and provided a summary overview of all matters related to the 2020 Financial Report. Following the review of the 2020 Financial Reports, a motion was made to accept the 2020 Financial Report. It was seconded by David Jenkins. Being no further discussion, the motion was voted on and passed unanimously.

Pastor Bailey then directed the membership to look at the 2021 Proposed Annual Budget and highlighted the anticipated revenue and anticipated expenses. Pastor Bailey paused to ask if there were any questions or comments. Mike Joyner made a motion to accept the Proposed Budget. The motion was seconded by Larry Mir. Pastor Bailey then gave an opportunity for questions or discussion about the budget. There were no additional questions or discussion. The membership voted on the 2021 Proposed Budget and it passed unanimously.

Pastor Bailey shared his vision for Solid Rock. He talked about the “WHY” at Solid Rock. Why do we do what we do? What is the mission of Solid Rock? Solid Rock exists to give life and make a difference in people’s lives through Jesus Christ.

He talked about the importance of Life Groups and the role they play in making disciples of Jesus Christ. Pastor Bailey talked about realities in our world. Culture has changed. Technology has changed exponentially. People have changed. COVID-19 has accelerated the change. Pastor mentioned that our model for ministry will need to change. Pastor Bailey highlighted two words: Fixed & Flexible. God’s Word doesn’t change. It is FIXED. The gospel of Jesus Christ has not changed, and the message will not be diluted. But we must be FLEXIBLE in how we do ministry.

Pastor Bailey explained the Life Group model is necessary in developing discipleship, pastoral care and personal relationships that are vital to the church but are not effectively accomplished on Wednesday nights. Sunday morning worship is extremely important for evangelism, worship, discipleship and bringing life to those who are hurting. But Sunday morning worship services alone are not adequate in providing the discipleship, pastoral care, and personal relationships that the church needs to provide.

Why are Life Groups so vitally important? Discipleship will be a key component of Life Groups. Pastoral care will be part of Life Groups and is extremely important in providing care to those who are hurting. 2020 saw us lose touch with people because of COVID-19 and people fell through the gaps. Personal relationships become intentional in Life Groups. Solid Rock needs to be known as a place that provides relationships through small groups and provide pastoral care to the hurting, fearful, lonely and those who are isolated. Life Groups will also become a catalyst for evangelism, providing a place that some people may be more likely to go who might have resisted going to a church. Life Groups will also provide a platform for doing community outreach in a new way and at a new level.

Pastor Bailey then introduced a task force called I Heart Columbus, whose aim is to provide a more focused effort in our community outreach. The Task Force is comprised of Olivia Amos, Chris Wiggins, Pastor Bronwyn

Carty, Evelyn Montgomery, Rhonda Anderson, Terri Allen, Jason Dennis, Pastor Jarrod Six, Jennifer Dunlap, Danna Bailey, and Pastor Jay Bailey.

I Heart Columbus will focus on mobilizing our church family to meet the needs in our community. Pastor invited Olivia Amos to address the church to explain the vision of the group. Olivia addressed the issue of food insecurity and the impact it has on people's health. She also highlighted The Food Mill and its partnerships with other nonprofit organizations such as Truth Springs, Mercy Med, and Mercy Med's Farm led by Keith Sims. She explained how people can get involved in volunteering at the Farm, delivering food, and other volunteer opportunities. Olivia also shared upcoming plans to continue addressing the food needs of people in the identified communities.

Pastor Bailey also shared information about the Sleep in Heavenly Peace outreach and the plan to sponsor the event again in 2021 to provide beds for people in the Columbus community as part of the I Heart Columbus outreach. Pastor Bailey highlighted the Men's Ministry that meets on Wednesday nights and invited men to join this group.

Pastor Bailey then prayed a dismissal prayer.

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Scotty Scott