

JBA General Board Minutes

January 28, 2021

The meeting was brought to order by Rev. Steve Roy, the JBA Moderator. He shared some thoughts from Zechariah 14. This chapter reminds us to place our hope in Jesus. One day He will rule and be the only King of kings and Lord of lords. Even in tumultuous times we don't have to fear if we cling to this hope and truth.

We welcomed first-time attendee Rev. Mike Dodson with NAMB. Mike is interested in helping with church planting efforts in our Association. He and his wife recently moved to our area and will be living in Wilsons Mills. Brent Highfil, Associate Pastor at Hocutt, also joined us. Brent is serving as the new JBA Discipleship Director.

The minutes of the September meeting were read by Associational Secretary, Tonya Grice. The minutes were approved.

Old Business

None

Associational Missionary Report

Dr. Hinton reported that churches are doing well adapting to the effects of Covid. Fifty percent of our churches are now offering an online worship experience connecting with more people. We continue to see our churches come up with creative ideas for evangelism and outreach efforts. In spite of all we've been through this last year, 45% of our churches are growing. Kelton meets virtually every Tuesday with pastors from the four regional areas in the Association. The pastors enjoy the encouragement and sharing of ideas.

Treasurer's Report

The financials ran through Dec. 31 2020 with contributions steady and in line with last year. The report was presented and approved.

WMU/Women's Ministries Report

Debra Worley shared that the World Day of Prayer was Nov. 2 and was hosted virtually from Bethany Missionary Baptist. In spite of the event not being in person, it was a great time of prayer and fellowship. During the month of November, the WMU collected and delivered 600 tubes of chapstick for the RedBox ministry.

The annual Mitchiner Scholarship is now open for applications through March 19 with two \$1,000 awards available for two students. The application will now be submitted online through the JBA website.

Program Committee

The General Board discussed the upcoming Spring Semi-Annual meeting and recommended we try to do an in-person meeting. If possible, we may be able to broadcast the meeting live on our Facebook page. The Council will make an announcement the first week of May to decide and notify everyone at that time.

Associational Council Report

The Council was made aware that the JBA received a letter of withdrawal from Cornerstone Baptist Church in Four Oaks. The Board was notified of this request effective on January 10, 2021 by written letter from the Pastor and Deacons.

In reference to the work that has been done on exploring changing the name of the JBA to Triangle East Baptist Association, the following items were discussed:

- Rev. Steven Walker of Parrish Memorial now has a private law practice and was contacted to help with the procedures if we voted to move ahead. Steven has agreed to file all the necessary paperwork with the Secretary of State and Federal Government and pay all the fees through his law office at no cost to us. Additionally, he has agreed to do all this work pro bono.
- According to the JBA Constitution and By-Laws, the Board needs to announce the vote at least 30 days prior to a Semi-Annual Meeting.
- The council also noted that many other organizations and businesses in our area have started using "Triangle East" in their name. It seems that our area is definitely being defined geographically with this name.
- There will be no legal costs involved with this change. The only cost would be to change the sign on the JBA office building.

With this information, the Council made a motion we move forward with a vote at the Spring Meeting to be held on May 17, 2021 to officially change our name to Triangle East Baptist Association. In addition, the JBA will send another mailing with the minutes of this Board meeting and other supporting material. In addition, our churches are welcome to contact us anytime with questions regarding this vote. The Board was presented with the recommendation and the motion passed.

With no other business to discuss, the meeting was closed in prayer by Kelton Hinton and adjourned.