

Unapproved Minutes from The U.S. National Conference

East 39th Street Community of Christ
Independence, MO
October 11, 2018

President Joel Loving called the conference to order, gave some introductory thoughts about the conference and its theme, and offered a prayer for the conference.

First item of business was the sustaining of the officers for the US National Conference. These included president Joel Loving, vice president David Whiting, secretary H. Alan Smith, treasurer Marilyn James and recorder Jan Jordison.

It was moved by B.J. Jordison and seconded by Rex Curtis to sustain the officers. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Barb Giertz and seconded by Jan Jordison to approve the minutes of the October 7, 2017 US National Conference business meeting. A number of corrections were offered:

Section 3.3 page 1 – Change “Green Bay Restoration Branch” to “Green Bay Study Group” in paragraph 4.

Section 3.3 page 2 – change “hat” to “that” in item 3B

Section 3.3 page 4 – change “hat” to “that” in second line of second paragraph of Aaronic Priesthood Quorum report.

Section 3.3 page 7 – Change “Petersen” to “Pedersen” to two places in Youth Quorum Report.

Section 3.3 page 8 – Change “Chair” to “Chari” Pedersen in Women’s Quorum Report.

Section 3.3 page 8 – Change “Meting” to “Meeting” in heading for minutes of Mass Meeting of Melchizedek Priesthood.

Section 3.3 page 8 – Drop “in on action” from sentence in second to the last paragraph on page.

Other minor corrections were offered following the meeting, which were also made to the minutes.

The chair ruled that without objection the minutes were approved as amended.

The Order of Business for the conference was the next agenda item with Rex Curtis moving and Alicia Negaard seconding the motion to approve. The measure carried unanimously.

Treasurer Marilyn James presented the budget for the US National Conference of \$5,500. This included \$500 for building rental, \$350 for printing and supplies, \$2,350 for meals and refreshments, \$700 for information technology expense and \$1,600 for expenses to bring presenters for the Envirock seminar which follows conference. Jim Crawford made a motion to approve the budget and Rob Rolfe seconded it. The budget was approved as presented.

Resolution 2018-1 Terms of Quorum Officers was the first resolution brought to the floor.

2018-1 Terms of Quorum Officers

(From the Logistics Committee)

Wherefore, some confusion exists as to whether officers elected during General Conference Quorum meetings remain in their respective office during National Conference Quorum meetings.

Therefore, be it Resolved that Quorum officers elected during General Conference, remain in their office until the next General Conference Quorum elections, and officiate in their offices during any Quorum meetings that may occur between General Conferences.

And be it further Resolved that this resolution go to the General Conference in the Spring of 2019 for further consideration and possible adoption.

Patrick McKay moved and Sherman Phipps seconded the motion to approve the resolution. The motion carried unanimously. It will be recorded as Resolution NCR-09.

NCR-09 Terms of Quorum Officers

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Resolution 2018-4 Restoration Date Commemoration was the next item of business.

2018-4 Restoration Date Commemoration

(From National Conference Officers)

Whereas, the heritage of early events of the restoration are historically significant; and

Whereas, the meaning and purpose of those momentous events are foundational to our purpose as a people; and

Whereas, those events should be considered and remembered for all time; therefore, be it

Resolved, that the US National Conference encourage commemorating the following historical events: the grove experience every first Sunday of spring, the establishment of the Restored Church each April 6th, the restoration of the Aaronic Priesthood each May 15th, the visitation of Moroni each September 22nd, and the blessing of the Thanksgiving holiday; and be it further

Resolved, that branches are free to commemorate these occasions as they see fit; and be it further

Resolved, that this resolution go to the General Conference in the Spring of 2019 for further consideration and possible adoption.

Rex Curtis moved and Jan Jordison seconded the motion to approve the resolution.

A friendly amendment was offered to drop the word “Aaronic” from the restoration of the priesthood commemoration. It was noted that there was not a date for the restoration of the Melchidezek priesthood but that it was some time near the early Aaronic priesthood restoration. One date would commemorate both events. With approval of the mover and seconder, the change was made.

The motion was approved and it will be recorded as Resolution NCR-10.

NCR-10 Restoration Date Commemoration

(From National Conference Officers)

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Patriarch Fred Greene was then invited to offer a blessing on the conference and a blessing on the food for the noon meal.

Jan Jordison moved and Alicia Negaard seconded the motion to adjourn the business session until the next scheduled meeting on Saturday, October 13, at 2:30 p.m. The motion was approved.

Respectfully submitted,
H. Alan Smith
Secretary
US National Conference

